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## Table of Acronyms

### General Acronyms

Acronym	Name
AO	Public Association
CoA	Court of Accounts
CSO	Civil Society Organization
ICT	Information and Communication Technologies
IDP	Internally Displaced Persons
PA	Protected Area
PF	Public Foundation
PWD	People with Disabilities
SME	Small-Medium Enterprise
THM	Town Hall Meeting
TOT	Training of Trainers
YB	Youth Bank

### Institutional Acronyms

Acronym	Name
CRRC	The Caucasus Resource Research Centers
DANIDA	Danish Development Assistance Programmes Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark
DRL	Bureau of Democracy, Rights, and Labor
EEF-Moldova	East Europe Foundation - Moldova
EEF-Ukraine	East Europe Foundation - Ukraine
EF	Eurasia Foundation
EFCA	Eurasia Foundation of Central Asia
EHCR	European Court of Human Rights
EPF	Eurasia Partnership Foundation
FNE	New Eurasia Foundation
ISSA	Institute of Social Studies and Analysis
OSCE	Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe
SDC	Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation
SBMT	School of Business and Management of Technology
SIDA	Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency
UNDP	United Nations Development Program
UNITER	Ukrainian National Initiatives to Enhance Reforms



# INTRODUCTION





## Introduction

### Overview

Eurasia Foundation (EF) currently operates a dozen projects, most involving collaboration with our EF Network partners. With major projects in Central Asia, Russia and the South Caucasus showing potential for future growth, our cooperation within the Network is proceeding well.

In Central Asia, our access to justice program funded by the Finnish government is approaching the one-third mark of its 30-month term. Eurasia Foundation of Central Asia (EFCA), our local partner in this effort, and our foreign ministry colleagues in Finland are working well and the program has made significant progress to date. Outside experts will evaluate the program this fall.

In Russia, our bilateral civil society partnership program operating in partnership with New Eurasia Foundation recently reached a crucial milestone with the delivery of six grants to joint US-Russian projects ranging from support for orphans to the preservation of wetlands in Russia and the US. The program is funded by USAID and our project team has developed an excellent working relationship with the USAID mission in Moscow. This program would potentially be a suitable channel for delivery of continued US government investment in support of civil society development in Russia.

In the South Caucasus, we are working closely with the Carnegie Corporation to develop a \$2 million proposal for renewed funding for the Caucasus Research Resource Centers, our anchor program in that region.

In Belarus, we are restructuring the management of our programs in anticipation of renewed funding for our work in that country. EF's locally registered affiliate – the New Eurasia Establishment – is one of the only channels for delivery of US government assistance to the citizens of Belarus and has successfully operated programs in business education, legal clinics and rural economic development for several years.

Together the Network has raised and leveraged more than \$10.1 million this reporting period. About \$1.7 million of this total was raised through competitive proposals for US government funding. Of funds committed, 90% will flow through EF Network accounts; 10% are leveraged funds.

The Eurasia Foundation Network is a partnership of autonomous foundations promoting prosperity and stability throughout the former Soviet Union. The Network partners consist of Eurasia Foundation (United States), New Eurasia Foundation (Russia), Eurasia Foundation of Central Asia, Eurasia Partnership Foundation (South Caucasus) and East Europe Foundation of Ukraine and Moldova.



As we have said many times before, none of these awards would be possible without the core investment by the US government that enables the Foundation and its partners to leverage that investment several times over with financial support from other donors.

With these programs and the imperative to broaden the pool of available resources in mind, we are looking to European governments for support for projects in the Eurasia region, the MENA region and China. Since many of our partners within the EF Network maintain direct funding relationships with European governments, our aim is to rekindle collaboration in ways that will increase the pool of resources available for joint projects involving EF and Network partners. Renewing these European ties – while avoiding competition between EF and its Network partners – is especially important given the continuing reduction in US government funding to the Eurasia region.

## **Program Highlights**

### **Professional Youth Journalism in Central Asia**

Aspiring Central Asian journalists face steep challenges. In addition to censorship and political interference, many journalists lack the basic skills necessary to produce high-quality stories. Eurasia Foundation's Professional Youth Journalism (PYJ) program, delivered in partnership with local nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) and universities, is helping young journalists surmount these critical problems. The PYJ program has already trained more than 273 young journalists in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan.

The Professional Youth Journalism in Central Asia program is designed to create a cadre of young journalists in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan dedicated to Western standards of reporting by establishing schools that take a skills-based approach and give students opportunities to publish their work in independent media outlets. The program is funded by the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor at the U.S. Department of State (DRL) and is implemented by a partnership of Eurasia Foundation, Eurasia Foundation of Central Asia and Kloop Media.

### **Bill Maynes Fellows Program**

This fellowship program, funded entirely by individual and corporate donors, honors and supports outstanding individuals from the countries where Eurasia Foundation operates and who share Bill's vision for stable, inclusive and prosperous societies. The fund builds personal and professional bridges between emerging leaders in the Eurasia region and their counterparts in the United States. In October and November 2011, Bill Maynes Fellows Valeria Klitsounova from Belarus and Matluba Uljabaeva from Tajikistan visited Washington DC. Both of these women are advocates for small business development in their countries and have worked to improve the environment for entrepreneurs and business owners. While in the US, they met with small business associations, EF Trustees and US government and congressional representatives.

## **Legal Aid to Labor Migrants in Russia**

In Russia, violations of the rights of economic migrants, many of whom are not registered, often stem from poorly defined relationships with their employers. In the absence of written employment contracts, migrants face a host of problems, including unpaid wages. Eurasia Foundation (EF), working with its local partner Tajikistan Foundation (TF), offers a telephone hotline service for foreign migrants working in Russia. The hotline is staffed by a lawyer with expertise in labor and migration law. Over the 12-month project, the lawyer fields around 200 inquiries a month, expanding TF's capacity to address migrant concerns by 25%. Through the hotline, the lawyer provides individually tailored legal advice and documents all calls in an online database.

The project also focuses the attention of relevant government agencies, business associations, NGOs, researchers and the media on problems facing economic migrants. TF's lawyer provides commentary and analysis to the media on challenges facing migrant workers and their relationship with employers. With TF colleagues, the lawyer also prepares policy recommendations to address claims for unpaid wages. The recommendations are channeled to policy makers through migration conferences in Russia and the Migration Working Group affiliated with EF's U.S.-Russia Civil Society Partnership Program. This project is funded by Western Union.

## **Support to Armenia-Turkey Rapprochement (SATR)**

To support business cooperation between Armenia and Turkey, Eurasia Partnership Foundation (EPF) held a business conference in Yerevan with the participation of more than 60 Armenian and Turkish businesspeople. This event was organized under EPF's Support to Armenia-Turkey Rapprochement (SATR) program. Also, two smaller-scale business forums were organized in Gyumri, Armenia, through the SATR open-door grants pool. These events resulted in a number of new contacts established and contracts signed between Armenian and Turkish entrepreneurs, thereby paving the way for small businesses across the border to collaborate with each other. Most importantly, joint lobbying efforts of Armenian and Turkish partners led to the Turkish government providing entry permits for 200 Armenian transit trucks to cross the territory of Turkey.

To increase balanced mutual media coverage, EPF hosted a crew from CNN Turk, a visit which resulted in four Armenia-related reports about different aspects of life in Armenia being broadcast on CNN Turk and placed on the CNN Turk Web site. In addition, EPF produced and broadcast four talk shows focusing on various aspects of Armenia-Turkey relations on the Yerkir Media TV channel in Armenia. To support cultural dialogue between Armenia and Turkey, in November 2011 EPF organized a Yerevan-Istanbul "Close Creative Encounters" PKN in Yerevan, which became the first occasion when PKN was used in the cross-border peace-building context. SATR's support to Youth Bank (YB) development in Turkey allowed Armenian YBs to transfer knowledge across the border into Turkey. In total, despite the political standstill in the official relations between Armenia and Turkey, the SATR project contributed to sustaining the momentum and maintaining the dialogue between the business sector, civil society, media and youth across the divide. This project is funded by USAID.



## DEVELOPMENT UPDATE





## Development Update

This report summarizes the financial commitments made to the EF Network foundations for the first half of FY12. Together the Network has raised and leveraged more than \$10.1 million this reporting period. More than \$1.7 million was raised through competitive proposals for US government funding. Of funds committed, 90% will flow through EF Network accounts; 10% are leveraged funds.<sup>1</sup>

### EF Network Funds Raised and Leveraged H1 FY12

Foundation	USG	Non-USG	Leveraged	Total
<b>Eurasia Partnership Foundation</b>	\$416,572	\$1,663,142	\$0	\$2,079,714
<b>Eurasia Foundation of Central Asia</b>	\$1,323,124	\$763,902	\$0	\$2,087,026
<b>East Europe Foundation Ukraine</b>	\$0	\$775,227	\$6,714	\$781,941
<b>East Europe Foundation Moldova</b>	\$35,223	\$0	\$0	\$35,223
<b>New Eurasia Foundation</b>	\$0	\$4,066,711	\$481,700	\$4,548,411
<b>Eurasia Foundation</b>	\$0	\$136,040	\$502,226	\$638,266
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,774,919</b>	<b>\$7,405,022</b>	<b>\$990,640</b>	<b>\$10,170,581</b>

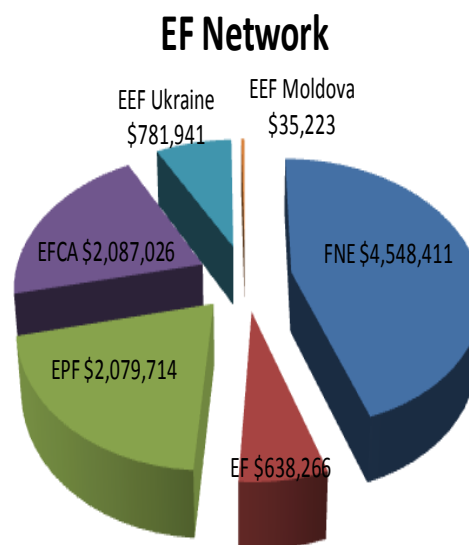
## Highlights by Region

### Eurasia Partnership Foundation

EPF was awarded more than \$460,000 from the Belgian government to support a youth-oriented, cross-border peace and stability program in the South Caucasus and Turkey.

### Eurasia Foundation of Central Asia

In Kyrgyzstan, EFCA received nearly \$1.3 million from USAID to launch the Local Transparency and Cooperation Initiative. The program will inform citizens of their entitlements to public services and provide objective information to



<sup>1</sup> Funding is considered leveraged when a donor contributes to one of our grantees or partners and the contribution is directly contingent upon EF Network funding or was made possible by direct EF Network involvement. Leveraged funds are counted in totals only when documentation demonstrates that these conditions have been met.

community leaders on the activities of local mining companies.

### East Europe Foundation of Moldova

EEF Moldova was awarded more than \$35,000 to promote transparency in party financing and electoral campaigns from the National Endowment for Democracy.

### East Europe Foundation of Ukraine

EEF Ukraine was awarded \$260,000 from the European Commission to improve the energy efficiency of municipal infrastructure in the southern city of Zelenodolsk.

### New Eurasia Foundation

FNE was awarded an additional \$2.2 million funds from the Siberian Coal and Energy Company to support its social development programs.

### Eurasia Foundation

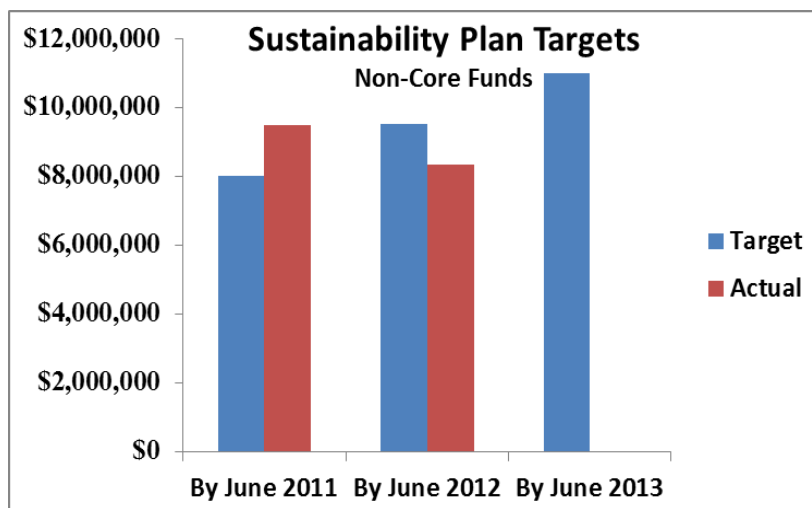
During the reporting period, EF launched the **Sarah Carey Program** and awarded Ambassador Tom Pickering the first Sarah Carey Award. Since launching the program, EF has raised \$200,000 including \$25,000 contributions from both Chevron and ExxonMobil.

EF raised nearly \$35,000 for **Bill Maynes Fund for Future Leaders**, bringing the total raised since inception of the program to more than \$285,000.

The **Kyiv School of Economics** has raised more than \$500,000 for university programs and for student scholarships during the reporting period. Funds raised by the school are considered EF leveraged funds.

### Progress Towards Sustainability Plan Targets (June 2011-May 2012)

EF's **sustainability plan** was created with input from USAID and the State Department.



During the USAID-mandated fundraising reporting period of June 2011 through May 2012, EF raised more than \$8.3 million, or 86% of our goal.

In the first half of FY12, EF submitted nine proposals requesting about \$11.6 million in funding. Four proposals remain outstanding with a total value of \$4.2 million.



## **PROGRAM ACTIVITIES**





## EURASIA FOUNDATION Program Activities

The highlights below are samples of programs being implemented throughout the EF Network.

### **East Europe Foundation - Moldova (EEF-Moldova)**

The **Youth Participation in Moldova** project is designed to increase youth participation in the social and political life of the country, through the use of participatory democracy models. Through a network of 33 trained coordinators and over 300 volunteers, EEF-Moldova organizes political debates for youth in 33 communities throughout the country, with the participation of all political parties. The development and circulation of voter mobilization materials stimulates the interest of youth in elections. Simulated elections are held and the results of these democratic exercises are widely disseminated. The project is funded by US State Department (DRL) and additionally supported by Sida, DANIDA, and the National Endowment for Democracy.



*Moldovan Youth*

### **East Europe Foundation - Ukraine (EEF-Ukraine)**



*Solar Panels*

The overall goal of the three-year **Partnership for Cleaner Energy in Ukraine** initiative is to promote energy saving and CO<sub>2</sub> reduction in the Dnipropetrovsk Oblast of Ukraine. The project aims to build the capacities of local government and business to design, evaluate, implement and measure community-driven energy efficiency and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions reduction strategies and projects. The project uses a complex approach combining strategic planning, capacity building and piloting of technological solutions to achieve visible environmental, social and economic impacts. To

achieve this ambitious agenda, the initiators of the program will first conduct research of and assess the oblast's potential in energy saving, CO<sub>2</sub> reduction and the production of renewable energy. This project is being implemented by East Europe Foundation in partnership with the Dnipropetrovsk Oblast Council and the Dnipropetrovsk State Oblast Administration with support from the USAID and DTEK.

## Eurasia Foundation of Central Asia (EFCA)

### Kazakhstan



*IT Training*

**IT and Interactive Training Methods for Teachers:** This project sought to provide teachers in the Makat and Dossor settlements of Kazakhstan with the knowledge and skills to use IT and interactive teaching methods in the classroom. EFCA partnered with the Makat District Department of Education and the Association of IT Teachers of Kazakhstan to arrange a series of IT train-the-trainer sessions for teachers in the two settlements. 43 teachers participated in the sessions, which taught participants how to use interactive boards and the Internet and create interactive lessons various

software programs. The training sessions also provided teachers with the skills to study and teach online. Following the train-the-trainer sessions, the 43 teachers conducted peer-to-peer IT trainings for 164 teachers, passing on their newly acquired knowledge and skills. This project is funded by Agip KCO.

### Kyrgyzstan

**Young People speak out for their Rights through Community Theater:** EFCA is using participatory theater led by young people to increase awareness and address issues of youth rights and conflict in communities in southern Kyrgyzstan. The “Theater of the Oppressed” techniques are giving young people a tool to publically explore issues relating to rights, ethnicity, religion, nationality and conflict. These issues are extremely important following the violence of 2010, yet they are not openly discussed or addressed in most communities. The young actors identified specific issues that affect them and their peers and created interactive plays, which they then performed while bringing in other community members to act out roles. In addition to bringing discussion of community problems into the open, the theater also highlighted the duties and rights of citizens, local governments and others.



*Participatory Theatre*

Topics covered in the plays include parents not allowing their children to go to school, recruitment of young athletes by criminal groups, alcohol abuse among local women, bride kidnapping, child labor, youth unemployment, environmental issues and family issues related to migration. Participatory theater is giving young people a voice, helping them to take control of their lives and the issues important to them. This project is funded by the European Union and the New Zealand Embassy.

## Tajikistan

**Empowering Parents of Children with Disabilities:** One month into the IGA program at Dushanbe's Kishti Center in Baby Home No. 1, the number of participants has grown from 16 parents to 24, with new registrants nearly every day. The old activity room has been refurbished into a combined sewing studio and fully outfitted bakery.

With computers donated from Kishti and EFCA and small class sizes, participants in the computer course are able to receive focused individual attention.

English classes are perhaps the most popular IGA activity; mothers stressed that even knowing how to introduce themselves, discuss their families, and talk about their children's disabilities in another language gave them confidence.

Importantly, new mothers are starting to attend therapy sessions at Kishti. Since the IGA trainings, mothers seem to have more energy and are forming even closer bonds with one another. This project is funded by the UK Department for International Development (DfID).



*Sewing Studio*

## South Caucasus – Eurasia Partnership Foundation (EPF)

### Armenia



*Talk Show*

To further promote **freedom of expression** in Armenia, EPF produced 13 televised talk shows that hosted more than 70 participants, including independent experts, NGO representatives, state officials, media professionals, representatives of international organizations and guests from abroad. The average viewership was 10,000 people per talk show, and EPF received a total of 75 feedback calls from interested viewers. EPF also commissioned seven freedom of expression in classical and modern Armenian fiction. The aggregate results of the study were presented and discussed at one of the talk shows, as well as during a public discussion at the Yerevan State Linguistic University (25 attendees) and a Pecha-Kucha Night (PKN) event (70 attendees). PKN is a globally recognized Japanese format for presentations. EPF also provided a world-class training seminar to a select group of 10 media professionals who wanted to obtain skills in effective television anchoring. This project is funded by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida).



## Azerbaijan



*Working Together*

The **Socio-Economic Empowerment of Women in the Flood-Affected Rural Areas of Azerbaijan** project, implemented by Leader Women Public Union (LWPU) through EPF's Open Door Program, focuses on the socio-economic development of women residing in one flood-affected rural area, enabling them to adjust to new socio-economic conditions and develop a strategy to successfully address their dire situation. Following an initial qualitative assessment of the conditions, needs and interests of the target group, LWPU provided training courses for local women on business and entrepreneurship opportunities. EPF also published the manual "Small Business for Rural Women" in Azeri. Another project, Gender Equality for Municipal Development, implemented by the Women's Association for Rational Development through EPF's Open Door Program focuses on promoting social entrepreneurship among women that will contribute not only to the reduction of poverty, but also to community development and social responsibility. The development of female entrepreneurship will lead to economic independence and the empowerment of women. This project is funded by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida).

## Georgia



*Coalition Meeting*

Through the **Civic Initiative for an Independent Judiciary (CIIJ)**, EPF is working to unite civil society efforts in monitoring the on-going judicial system reforms and in advocating for an independent and transparent judiciary. The project is designed to strengthen the institutional capacity of legal professional associations, legal rights NGOs, business and professional associations.

The Coalition has already developed its general action plan, set up six working groups, and organized four public forums on some of the most salient issues facing Georgian society and the justice sector. Each forum gathered high ranking representatives from all three branches of government, the donor community, and civil society to discuss such issues as photo, video and audio recordings of court proceedings; access to judicial decisions and court information; the appointment, promotion, transfer and disciplinary responsibility of judges; administrative detention and imprisonment; and commercial law. These forums provided an excellent opportunity for court representatives and Coalition members to engage in broad dialogue and discuss pertinent issues surrounding judicial independence and court transparency. This project is funded by USAID through the East West Management Institute.

## New Eurasia Foundation (FNE)

### Russian Federation



*Media review*

#### **Russian Independent Media Program:**

Since 2004, New Eurasia Foundation's media unit has provided direct assistance to more than 65 regional newspapers, impacting an estimated audience of up to 15 million readers. In addition, the program has helped the Alliance of Independent Regional Publishers, the first independent regional print media association in Russia, to develop into a fully representative industry lobbying group.

FNE's media team has been working to improve the number and quality of independent media sources in Russia's regions.

Through a series of intensive trainings and consultations, the program enhances the business and editorial practices of independent regional newspapers. The program also provides extensive technology training to help local radio stations and newspapers improve their online presence and employ newly available digital tools to better report on and interact with the communities they serve. FNE also continues to produce documentaries on the role of mass media in local elections. Several newspapers from among their grantees and clients have already played a key role in local elections, including City News: Pervouralsk and Zhukovskiy News. Having paid a great deal of attention to the subject of local elections and independently organized open debates among the election candidates, these newspapers have demonstrated that local periodicals may act as the centers of civic initiatives and cover the electoral process in a fair and unbiased manner. This program is funded by the USAID Mission in Moscow.





# EVALUATION



## Evaluation

### **Highlights in Evaluating EF Network Programs**

In the first half of FY12, the EF Network foundations completed 11 formal evaluations, including 1 baseline evaluation, 3 mid-term evaluations, and 7 summative evaluations. For a list of evaluations planned for the second half of FY12, please refer to the end of this report.

Two illustrative evaluations from the EF Network are highlighted below.

### **Internal Summative Evaluation: Everyone has a Right to Work**

The **Everyone has a Right to Work** project was implemented by the East Europe Foundation (EEF) from September 2010 through October 2011 by providing a grant to the NGO “Zhytomyr Oblast Branch of the Volunteer Community Center.” The project goal was to provide assistance to vulnerable youth, social workers, NGO representatives and municipal organizations; to publish and disseminate information for vulnerable youth and social service providers, including advice on seeking employment and resources and services at their disposal; and to develop partnerships between local civic organizations, social service agencies and employers to enhance employment opportunities for social orphans.

In November 2011, EEF Evaluation Officer, Viktor Karpenko, with the help of EEF Project Coordinator, Eleonora Obidina, and partner organizations conducted an internal summative evaluation of the project.

The goal of the evaluation was to contribute to EEF’s strategy and future programming in the area of employment promotion for vulnerable youth. In addition, EEF submitted a proposal to the World Childhood Foundation to continue cooperation in this area in 2012. In the event that EEF is successful in securing this funding, the results of the evaluation will contribute to the development and implementation of the new project action plan.

### **The key report findings included:**

- The program participants stated that the program attracted the attention of the general public to the problem of adaptation of orphans and young people from vulnerable families to independent life after graduation from state educational institutions.
- The program established a sustainable system of social adaptation of vulnerable youth to independent life. This system is already in place in Berdychiv.
- Partnerships were established between educational institutions, teachers, psychologists, employment services, employers, etc.
- Information and educational materials from the project were included in the individual work plans for teachers and psychologists working in professional vocational schools;
- Berdychiv Professional Agrarian Lyceum included regular job fairs for graduates (cooperating with the City Employment Center, Social Services and employers) in its institutional work plan;
- Berdychiv Professional Agrarian Lyceum established good working relationships with colleagues from the Kharkiv and Dnipropetrovsk Oblasts. Since their participation in the final project

conference, they have been in constant contact. Staff from the Lyceum plan to visit Kharkiv Oblast in spring 2012, to continue discussions and develop a future plan of cooperation.

**The main lessons learned and recommendations from the evaluation include:**

- Consider involving not only orphans and children without parental care in the project, but also other vulnerable young people – e.g. students from low-income families.
- It was effective to focus project activities not only on the graduates of the vocational schools, but on the younger students as well.
- The project implementation timeline should be adjusted to be in line with the education schedule preferably using September–December for the activities that involve students. This is especially important for graduates of the professional vocational schools, as they are very busy with industrial training and practicum exercises during the last months of the school year.
- Consider conducting another evaluation a year after the project end date. This would provide the possibility to assess the sustainability of its results; the satisfaction of the target audience; the effectiveness of the developed model of employment for social orphans; and how well they have adapted.
- The employment of vulnerable youth and the development of favourable conditions for their effective social adaptation for independent life continue to be important issues for Ukraine. It is, therefore, strongly recommended EEF continue interventions in this area.

**Mid-Term Evaluation: Professional Youth Journalism in Central Asia**

EF conducted a mid-term evaluation of the **Professional Youth Journalism in Central Asia** program financed by the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (DRL) at the US Department of State. The project goal is to create a core group of young journalists in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan dedicated to Western standards of reporting by establishing schools that take a skills-based teaching approach, and giving students opportunities to publish their work in the independent media. Since the beginning of the project, three media schools have been established by Kloop Kyrgyzstan in Almaty, Dushanbe and Osh. These schools are fully functional and producing news published on kloop.kz, kloop.tj and kloop.kg, respectively. Five training modules are online and are being used by new schools as a starting point in teaching students. Through this program Kloop schools have been recruiting students ages 16-24 and training them in news writing through five training modules.

From November, 2011–January 2012, EF's Evaluation Officer, Nigina Malikova, conducted an internal formative evaluation of the program. The goal of this mid-term evaluation is to inform DRL, Eurasia Foundation (EF), Eurasia Foundation of Central Asia (EFCA) and Kloop in their future management and implementation structure of the program.

**The main findings of this evaluation are:**

- All four Kloop Media Schools have been successful in attracting young people who are interested in journalism, or in developing writing skills.
- Kloop has established itself as an educational resource for journalism for young people. Its trainings, modules and general ability to engage young people use an educational approach, since it trains students in the principles of journalism and includes an opportunity for practical reporting experience as opposed to just being a professional news agency.

- The five Kloop training modules have been posted on Kloop’s website and are available for download and use by anyone. The modules are kept up to date and in fact are constantly changing when it comes to using real life examples and using the latest articles and information to keep the course engaging, interesting and up to date.
- The level of energy and interest among Kloop students varies from country to country. Where the students in Kyrgyzstan are more committed to the development of a country as a whole, and are committed to journalism as a profession, the stories are different in Kazakhstan and Tajikistan.
- Kloop Media schools have been successful in building relationships with media outlets in their countries, and although with some challenges, are successful in building relationships with government authorities, establishing the Kloop brand as a news source. Partnerships have already been built with Internews, IWPR, K-News, and other media outlets.

**Key recommendations include:**

- Create a network of students across the region, to maintain interest among youth from all countries in the region. During the evaluation it was suggested to hold teleconferences via Skype between students in the three countries as resources for trips are limited at the moment.
- Provide Kloop Bishkek guidance in transitioning from an educational platform to a purely reporting one with other schools staying engaged, which will require the creation of a single web portal. This will help students who have already been trained and are going through trainings at the moment stay committed to reporting and act as local correspondents for one single portal.

**Small Grant Evaluation Statistics FY12**

EF and its network partners collect data on a variety of shared indicators for each grant-funded project. The EF Network foundations closed 131 grants in the first half FY12. The data for the shared indicators for these closed grants are the following:

***Changes occurred on individual level***

Number of direct individual beneficiaries	361
Number of trainees	509

***Changes occurred on organizational level***

Number of organizational beneficiaries	542
Number of new partnerships formed by grantees	102
Resources leveraged (in-kind) from counterparts	\$12,256

***Changes occurred on societal level***

Media products disseminated	829
Grantee innovations replicated by others	6
New jobs created	0
New businesses formed	0

**Evaluation Plans for second half of FY12**

The EF Network foundations plan to undertake 7 evaluations during the second half of FY12. They include 2 mid-term process evaluations and 5 impact or summative evaluations.



## **APPENDICES**





**APPENDIX A: EXPENDITURE CHART BY COUNTRY**  
October 1, 2011 – March 31, 2012



## Appendix A

### Analysis of Expenditures by Country

Core Spending in USD

October 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012

Spending by Country	Russia	19,446
	Ukraine	74,082
	Moldova	30,115
	Belarus	310,841
	Uzbekistan	(6,000)
	Turkmenistan	0
	Tajikistan	15,195
	Kazakhstan	12,056
	Kyrgyzstan	9,097
	Georgia	37,187
	Armenia	25,335
	Azerbaijan	18,287
	Regional	355,958
Total		\$901,599



**APPENDIX B: GRANTS CLOSED**  
OCTOBER 1, 2011 – MARCH 31, 2012



## Appendix B

### Outcome Statements of Grants Closed

Alphabetical by Country

October 1, 2011 – March 31, 2012

#### Armenia

##### **Artur Ghazaryan**

\$3,062

Dilijan, Armenia

10/15/2009 - 7/31/2010

The grantee, Dilijan Youth Bank, selected and funded five projects to promote youth involvement in local decision-making. Through the Lessons on Batique project, initiative members, in cooperation with the local arts school, equipped a room for carrying out the batique technique and added the technique to the local arts school's curriculum. Through the Specifics of Sustainable Development in Education project, the initiative group implemented two trainings on non-formal educational tools and methods for 199 school children and 25 teachers from five communities of the Noyemberyan sub-region. Through the Classes on Handcrafting project, 16 women, ages 15-35, participated in training on needlework, knitting, and beadwork. Through the Garbage Removal and Renovation of the House of Culture Garden projects, the initiative groups renovated parks, cleaned local public spaces, and placed garbage cans in the communities of Voskevan and Gandzasar.

##### **Atom Mkhitarian**

\$3,078

Yerevan, Armenia

11/18/2009 - 6/30/2010

The grantee, Yerevan Youth Bank, selected and funded five projects to address youth involvement in local decision-making. Through the Healthy Children for a Healthy Society project, initiative members, in cooperation with the Armenian PR Association, were able to organize a one-day campaign for 20 children. Through the Green Light project, members organized two-day trainings in Yerevan for 30 youth with seminars on how to write CVs and motivation letters. Through the New Faces project, members developed a bilingual public youth website, which provides information for student exchange and scholarship opportunities. Through the Miracles of Fairy Tales project, initiative members staged a Yezid fairy tale, highlighting ethnic minority integration issues. Through the Clean Yerevan Clean Hrazdan River project, members organized a one-day campaign to clean parts of the Hrazdan River. Through the Yereqnuk project, initiative members supported the purchase of colorful threads for children with special needs at Yerevan School N2. Organizers will sell the hand-made carpets made by the children to sustain the project.

##### **International Center for Human Development (ICHD) NGO**

\$75,687

Yerevan, Armenia

9/28/2009 - 6/25/2010

The grantee, with the support of the International Center for Human Development (ICHD), conducted 14 Town Hall Meetings (THMs) in order to promote informed political dialogue between Armenia and Turkey. 1,400 citizens expressed their opinions on five relationship scenarios between Armenia and Turkey. The grantee summarized and analyzed feedback gathered at the THMs and

distributed the findings among key Armenian political figures engaged in the Armenia-Turkey rapprochement process. The project informed decision-makers about the attitudes and perceptions of Armenian citizens regarding the Armenia-Turkey rapprochement process, and increased the public's understanding of dialogues taking place between the two countries.

### **Investigative Journalists NGO**

\$45,153

Yerevan, Armenia

1/1/2009 - 9/30/2010

The grantee improved community council governance in 60 communities of the Lori, Kotayk, Shirak, Gegharkunik, Tavush, and Syunik regions, in order to increase citizen involvement and transparency of decision-making at the community level. The grantee recruited and trained eight journalists from target regions, produced two TV talk shows, and conducted three roundtable discussions with local residents, civil society organizations, and local government representatives. The grantee produced approximately 200 articles on corruption-related issues in the communities, and made them available online ([www.hetq.am](http://www.hetq.am)), and in the weekly newspaper Hetq. The grantee also produced ten topical inserts for the AZG Daily newspaper, five of which featured material from the targeted regions.

### **Lala Avetisyan**

\$3,112

Sisian, Armenia

10/15/2009 - 6/30/2010

The grantee, Sisian Youth Bank, selected and funded four projects to address youth involvement in local decision-making. Through the Eco-club project, initiative members organized a three-day excursion for 28 students to the Sisian Forest Reserve. Through the Beehive project, the initiative group established a beehive farm and purchased six beehives. Through the Youth for the Protection of Schools and Nature project, initiative members purchased 22 rabbits, 16 of which were given to the school eco-club. Through the Children's Playground project, initiative members reconstructed a playground for 130 special needs school children in a yard of the Sisian Local School N1. Through the Chairs project, initiative members built four benches and latter boxes in the Karen Demirchyan Park.

### **Luiza Petrosyan**

\$3,345

Gyumri, Armenia

10/15/2009 - 7/31/2010

The grantee, Gyumri Youth Bank, selected and funded four projects to address youth involvement in local decision-making. Through the Open Forum for the Shirak Youth project, initiative members organized regular meetings and discussions with a total of 270 NGO leaders, singers, and civil society representatives. Through the Problems in the Focus of the Camera project, the initiative members organized and implemented four photo exhibition discussions. Through the Los Originales project, initiative members organized four party-club style evenings for 312 local youth. Through the Let's Reconstruct our Village project, initiative members raised AMD 100,000 to reconstruct the Amasia village fountain and its surrounding area, to ensure the green scenery of the park.

### **Naira Arakelyan**

\$3,526

Armavir, Armenia

10/15/2009 - 6/30/2010

The grantee, Armavir Youth Bank, selected and funded five projects to address youth involvement in local decision-making. Through the Know Your Rights project, initiative members selected eight students from six participating schools to complete human rights training. Through the Renovation of the Sports Ground project, initiative members supported the reconstruction of athletic fields next to the Armavir First Secondary School, benefiting approximately 2,000 students. Through the



Assistance to Socially Vulnerable Children project, 50 socially vulnerable children from St. Ghazar School received stationery and sports goods, and visited the Marz historical monument. Through the Exhibition-sales/Armavir State College project, initiative members purchased painting materials for 45 arts college students. Through the Renovation of the Aygevan Village Park project, initiative members purchased trashcans for the Aygevan Park. Through the Renovation of the Classroom of Norapat Secondary School project, ten school staff members and 18 students assisted in classroom reconstruction. The school management additionally allocated AMD 45,000 to the project for the renovations. The project benefited 500 school children and 40 teaching staff members.

### **Naira Muradyan**

\$3,134

Ararat, Armenia

10/16/2009 - 6/30/2010

The grantee, Ararat Youth Bank, selected and funded five projects to address youth involvement in local decision-making. Through the Computer Literacy project, initiative members selected 30 school children from the Yeraskh community to participate in computer literacy trainings. Through the Let's Be Aware project, initiative members increased the number of local youth-led Veratsnund newspaper leaflets from 15 to 99. Through the Film Festival project, initiative members organized a series of film sessions for 242 youth on human right issues, national values, traditions, and conflicts in 11 selected communities of the Ararat region. Through the Trainings project, initiative members organized trainings for 30 youth from the Araqsavan community on basic computer literacy, foreign language, and needlework skills. Through the Treasures of our Homeland project, initiative members organized a pilgrimage for 32 young people from the Surenavan village to Lori.

### **Yerevan Press Club**

\$11,744

Yerevan, Armenia

2/1/2008 - 8/16/2010

The grantee improved mutual coverage of issues pertinent to Armenian-Turkish relationships, in order to promote improved dialogue and cooperation between Armenian and Turkish communities. In particular, the grantee produced a compact survey titled, "Armenian-Turkish Civil Initiatives: Press Coverage," to provide media professionals with background information on the major trends in the Armenian-Turkish relationships. The grantee used the survey at the training for an Armenian-Turkish group of eight selected journalists, held in Istanbul in January 2008. Participating journalists had a chance to make exchange visits to create a series of investigative reports. The grantee-published brochure entitled, "Armenian-Turkish Team Reporting Project," which included all articles produced by the participating journalists. Journalists discussed the analytical material, investigative reports, and feedback from major stakeholders at a two-day conference in Yerevan in July 2009.

### **Yeva Haroyan**

\$3,124

Martuni, Armenia

12/23/2009 - 7/20/2010

The grantee, Martuni Youth Bank, selected and funded five projects to address youth involvement in local decision-making. Through the Bee Farming Household project, initiative members established a beehive colony breeding and sales group. Initiative members used the funds generated from the sales to purchase bee colonies, hives, and frames. Through the A Mini Theatre project, 130 project team members acquired clothing for the children's theatrical circle at the Sevan Youth Club. The circle mostly includes children from vulnerable families. Initiative members provided approximately 110 meters of fabric to the circle for theatrical clothes. Through the Frames for the Pupils of the Arts School project, 230 project team members purchased 60 frames for an student exhibition. Through the Equipment for the Musical School project, initiative members furnished a school with 15 music literature pieces, 37 classical music CDs, and a mini center with a DVD player

and loudspeakers.

## **Azerbaijan**

### **Agshin Asgarov Getting Involved Competition**

\$169

Astara, Azerbaijan

8/11/2009 - 12/15/2009

The grantee encouraged young people to participate in democratic processes, and generate awareness about the value of civic engagement. Two initiative groups from Azerbaijan and Georgia jointly collaborated on this project, in order to educate young leaders from Azerbaijan and Georgia about transparent decision-making and active citizenship. The project promoted greater transparency and accountability of local government institutions, and increased young peoples' involvement in decision-making processes. Through interactive discussions and youth meetings, the project increased citizen involvement among secondary school children. The grantee informed participating school children about civic rights, local and international organizations working in Azerbaijan, and human rights.

### **Azerbaijan National Committee of Helsinki Citizen's Assembly**

\$10,600

Baku, Azerbaijan

12/30/2008 - 5/31/2009

The grantee organized a pre-simulation workshop for 45 youth participants from Azerbaijan, Armenia, and Georgia, at Bilgi University in Turkey, on parliamentary democracy and democratic processes. The grantee established cross-border partnerships and networks among emerging young leaders in the South Caucasus, and turned project participants into active proponents of parliamentary democracy for reconciling conflicting interests and expectations of different groups through communication and compromise.

### **Jeyhun Heydarov Getting Involved Competition**

\$265

Baku, Azerbaijan

8/11/2009 - 11/10/2009

The grantee enabled students to learn how to find jobs in Azerbaijan through a series of meetings between young people and businessmen. Unemployment is one of the biggest challenges for youth in Azerbaijan. Undergraduates do not acquire work experience through internships, and upon graduation they find it difficult to find jobs. The grantee informed businessmen about existing youth unemployment problems, informed young people about possible ways to find employment, and fostered future cooperation between young people and businessmen.

### **Murad Mammadov Getting Involved Competition**

\$334

Baku, Azerbaijan

8/11/2009 - 11/10/2009

The grantee promoted healthy lifestyles among school children, and encouraged them to give up smoking. The grantee organized simulation games, held interactive discussions with experts in three secondary schools near Baku, and disseminated booklets and leaflets among young people. Smoking is a widespread habit among youth in Azerbaijan. Many young people, including school children, engage in this destructive habit. The high rate of young smokers has a negative impact on community health and has disastrous consequences on the health of youth.

### **Nurlan Bilalov**

\$2,300

Baku, Azerbaijan

4/29/2009 - 6/10/2009

The grantee, Sahil Youth Fund, selected and funded four projects. Through the Youth Cinema Club project, initiative members established a youth cinema club in School No. 319 of the Sahil settlement. The club meets weekly and screens domestic and international movies. Through the

Training for Youth on NGO Management, Volunteerism and Community Development project, initiative members trained youth from Sahil on volunteerism, leadership, and NGO management. Through the Ecological Youth Campaign project, initiative members engaged with youth from Sahil about environmental protection. Over a three day period, more than 30 young people from Sahil planted approximately 120 trees in the garden and surroundings of School No. 319. Through the "Youth Internet Portal" ([www.gencsahil.com](http://www.gencsahil.com)) project, initiative members will provide information with a discussion forum to discuss problems in Sahil.

**Qurban Ahmedov**

\$560

Bilasuvar, Azerbaijan

5/19/2009 - 5/31/2009

The grantee, Bilasuvar Youth Fund, selected and funded the implementation of two projects. Through the Visit to Historical Monuments project, initiative members introduced youth to Azerbaijani historical monuments. Initiative members organized an excursion for 26 young people to Gobustan and to the Palace of Shirvan Shakhs. Through the Intellectual Competition project, initiative members organized an intellectual competition for 63 boys and girls, and the winners received special monetary prizes.

**Tural Abdullayev**

\$738

Yevlakh, Azerbaijan

5/20/2009 - 5/31/2009

The grantee, Mingachevir Youth Fund, selected and funded two projects. Through the Healthy Life project, initiative members conducted educational courses on ecological problems for youth ages 16-19, and organized a painting competition on the issue. The finalists were honored with special prizes. Through the Against Drug Abuse project, initiative members conducted trainings for youth ages 16-19 about the perils of drugs, and distributed 50 booklets on the topic.

**Youth for Development NGO**

\$23,816

Baku, Azerbaijan

2/1/2008 - 9/29/2008

The grantee developed multi-language support for the computer-based elements of the Town Hall Meeting (THM) system, and trained participants on system facilitation and implementation. Upon completion of the skills and system transfer, the grantee successfully implemented a pilot demonstration of the THM system in Georgia on the issue of high school violence, resulting in an analytical paper featuring alternative policy recommendations. The grantee also elaborated a trilateral concept paper to address Kura-Araks river basin issues through regional THMs. As a direct result of the knowledge transfer facilitated by this project, the Armenian and Azerbaijani partners won GBP 200,000 from the UK's Global Conflict Prevention Pool to conduct a series of THMs in Armenia and Azerbaijan about the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict.

**Belarus**

**Business Union of Entrepreneurs and Employers**

\$67,358

Minsk, Belarus

12/1/2008 - 12/24/2010

The grantee increased the professional capacity of SMEs in the country's regions by providing training and individual consultations to existing and prospective entrepreneurs. The project also facilitated dialogue between businesses and various local authorities by organizing public discussions and roundtables with representatives of stakeholders, and advocating for a more efficient regulatory environment. The project was additionally supported by the Royal Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

## Georgia

### **International Association of Ossetian Women of Georgia "Alaneli"**

\$17,454

Tbilisi, Georgia

6/1/2010 - 11/30/2010

Empowerment and civic integration of ethnic minorities is one of the challenges for Georgia's successful transition to democracy. The grant awarded to the Association Alaneli, representing the interests of Georgia's Ossetian constituencies in Kakheti region, envisaged the empowerment of Ossetian women in the villages of the Dusheti, Lagodekhi, and Akhmeta municipalities, in order to foster integration of the broader Ossetian community in local civic life. To achieve this goal, the grantee first conducted an informal needs assessment, surveying 450 residents in the targeted villages, and selected 45 motivated women (15 from each village) to undergo intensive training on methods of participation, leadership skills, integration gender awareness, CSO development and fundraising. The grantee also developed a guidebook on women's leadership. As a result of the project related activities, the grantee increased the participants' awareness of women's leadership, contributed to their integration in Georgian society, and created a viable women's civic resource in the targeted communities. A follow up proposal to build on the results of the EPF-funded project has been submitted to the Open Society Georgia Foundation (OSGF).

### **Ninotsminda Community Radio "Nor"**

\$4,779

Ninotsminda, Georgia

1/10/2011 - 7/9/2011

Georgia is a multiethnic society faced with the challenge of fully integrating its minorities into the country's political, economic and cultural life. To support tolerance building and civic awareness in the multiethnic community of Ninotsminda, the project team organized three 3-day training seminars for 50 youth on tolerance, intercultural relations, and the basics of dialogue for them. The youth developed media products to reach the local population and open up a dialogue on the concepts of tolerance and intercultural relations to gender, ethnicity, disabilities and sexual orientation. During the project, the participating youth helped to create a total of two newspaper articles and seven radio programs to encourage members of their community to exercise tolerance in their every-day lives. Some of the training participants already provided testimonials on how their perceptions and actions have been positively affected as a result of their participation in the project.

### **Union Studio Monitor**

\$12,381

Tbilisi, Georgia

9/1/2010 - 2/28/2011

To support improved public access to information and to bring out salient issues for public discussion, EPF provided grant support to Studio Monitor to produce 24 investigative journalism documentaries (with an average length of 35-40 minutes) and 24 print investigative stories. The grantee disseminated investigative videos, covering both the capital and the regions, on TV channels Kavkasia and Maestro and organized public screenings. At the same time, print stories were published in the magazine Liberali, newspaper Batumelebi, and web-publication Kakheti Information Center, increasing the Georgian public's awareness of the violations on both regional and national levels. Several stories produced by the grantee received immediate response from relevant governmental bodies. For instance, the studio's investigation of the unlawful expropriation of the property of one of the subjects of investigation, a businessman, resulted in the tax authorities revising the amount of the fine imposed on this individual. Another investigation on allocation of advertising time on Imedi and Rustavi 2 TV stations led the Georgian National Communications Committee (GNCC) to acknowledge the violation of the law.

**Akhaltzikhe Youth Bank**

\$1,397

Akhaltzikhe, Georgia

5/21/2010 - 2/15/2011

The grantee selected and awarded three local youth-led initiative groups, in order to increase the awareness of first-time voters about their electoral rights and responsibilities. Local youth-led initiatives produced flyers on various aspects of elections, cleaned up the surroundings of three polling stations in Akhaltzikhe to make the place appealing for the voters, and trained Akhaltzikhe University students on how to advocate for voting rights at the polling stations. Akhaltzikhe Youth Bank was able to raise the local community's interest in election-related issues, and provided opportunities for local youth to engage in community development.

**Akhmeta Youth Bank**

\$1,986

Akhmeta, Georgia

1/18/2010 - 10/15/2011

The grantee increased the capacity and provided the opportunity for the local youth to engage as active citizens in the development of their communities. Akhmeta Youth Bank provided small grants to four local youth initiative groups to renovate sports grounds in the Kvemo Alvani Public School facility, buy new books for the Akhmeta Municipal Library, create a meeting and entertainment center for young people of four villages, and organize a song, dance, and poetry contest for young people of the Akhmeta municipality.

**ALPE Foundation**

\$27,545

Tbilisi, Georgia

12/7/2009 - 6/15/2010

The grantee organized a public roundtable to discuss the most acceptable amendment package, in order to improve access to higher education for ethnic minority secondary school students. The grantee also conducted a study of barriers to higher education for domestic ethnic minority youth. Knowledge of the Georgian language among ethnic minorities remains a barrier to social, economic, and political integration. Additionally, mastery of the official language is a precondition to access higher education.

**Association for Environment Protection  
and Sustainable Development "Mta-Bari"**

\$35,895

Batumi, Georgia

4/15/2009 - 11/20/2010

The grantee implemented an 18-month project to support ecologically, economically, and socially oriented sustainable use of resources, and to create an alternative means of income in villages near the Mtirala National Park. The grantee addressed problems connected to increased anthropogenic stress on economically important plants species. The grantee succeeded in involving 22 farmer families in the cultivation of economically important and endangered indigenous species of Adjara wild flora, the *Galanthus woronowii* and *Cyclamen coum*, controlled by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). This process was carried out under close control, as requested by CITES. The grantees provided farmers with special guideline brochures for the cultivation of bulbous plants, as well as information about marketing and exporting these species. The grantee also contributed to active dialogue among main players involved in the process, including the Ministry of Environment Protection and Natural Resources, the Ministry of Economic and Sustainable Development, and experts engaged in the project implementation.

**Association "Green Alternative" (GA)**

\$13,584

Tbilisi, Georgia

2/1/2008 - 1/10/2009

The grantee conducted four trainings in the underserved regions of Oni, Ambrolauri, and Lentekhi, to educate community representatives and local authorities on the basics of forest sector decentralization. 129 community leaders and local officials participated in the trainings. The grantee conducted 26 studies that included monitoring the state of forest, assessing the readiness of local authorities, and monitoring government policy in this field. The grantee posted findings on several websites ([www.greenalt.org](http://www.greenalt.org), [www.forestgeo.net](http://www.forestgeo.net), and [www.aarhus.dsl.ge](http://www.aarhus.dsl.ge)) which were visited by almost 500 individuals. The grantee prepared two publications titled the "Manual on Decentralization of the Forestry Sector," and "Monitoring of the Georgian Forest Sector 2007-2008." At the December 2008 seminar, the grantee included the Minister of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources and other stakeholders in a discussion about forest management and local governance. The grantee gave the seminar recommendations to the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources, and the Parliamentary Committee for Environmental Protection and Natural Resources. The Ministry of Economic Development abolished the previous controversial decree on granting special licenses for long-term logging, which had given an unfair advantage to companies, and deprived citizens of access to wood.

**Association "Mkurnali"**

\$15,936

Tbilisi, Georgia

9/10/2009 - 10/27/2010

The grantee provided free legal assistance to eight homeless children who needed criminal justice system assistance and representation. To support its beneficiaries, the project team also analyzed the current Georgian legislation on juvenile justice and contributed to the preparation of the "Report on Monitoring the Implementation of Criminal Justice Reform," which was developed under the auspices of the Criminal Justice Reform Inter-Agency Coordinating Council. The report describes gaps in the current legislation relevant to juvenile justice, and provides recommendations to better protect the interests of street children. Other sustainable project interventions include vocational training for 25 homeless children to expand the limited employment choices currently available to them and to make them more self-reliant.

**Association "Sachino" for the Struggle against Corruption and for the Protection of Consumers'**

\$4,581

Kutaisi, Georgia

6/10/2010 - 10/2/2010

The grantee, Zurab Khurtsidze, trained ten representatives of Kutaisi-based CSOs, five representatives of CSOs from the municipalities of Khoni, Baghdati, Zestaponi, Vani, and Tskhaltubo, and 20 heads of apartment owners' associations. The grantee selected these individuals from 100 candidates who applied to take part in the training. The trainees learned advanced monitoring, advocacy, networking, and fundraising skills. The grantee provided an additional training on project writing at the request of the trainees. The grant was awarded within the limited grant competition that was a follow-up of the 2009 Training of Trainers project.

**Aspindza Youth Bank**

\$2,309

Aspindza, Georgia

12/28/2009 - 2/3/2011

The grantee selected and funded four youth-led initiatives. Initiative members purchased 20 contemporary youth scientific-education books for the local school library, organized a football tournament for the local youth, and established a recreational mini park for local residents. Initiative members also equipped the Atskvita public school with needed sports supplies.

**Batumi Youth Bank**

\$692

Batumi, Georgia

5/25/2010 - 2/25/2011

The grantee selected and funded three local youth initiative groups, in order to inform first-time voters about their electoral rights and responsibilities. Initiative members created flyers and posters, held mock elections, raised the local community's interest in election issues, and provided opportunities for local youth to engage in the development of their own community.

**Bolnisi Youth Bank**

\$2,397

Bolnisi, Georgia

10/2/2009 - 4/2/2010

The grantee selected and funded five youth-led projects to address problems faced by local youth, including environmental pollution, outdated library books, a lack of entertainment opportunities, and a lack of opportunities for learning and practicing art. Initiative members planted 367 trees in the village of Kveshi. Another project team mobilized local communities to preserve the cultural and historical heritage of Bolnisi, by organizing local community members to clean up local historical monuments. Another initiative group improved the younger generation's access to contemporary literature by purchasing contemporary scholarly and literary textbooks. Initiative members also organized trainings for young people in the art of tapestry. Initiative members also organized a volunteer community action to clean up the village of Kianeti, and installed large garbage bins along village streets.

**Centre for Training and Consultancy**

\$26,572

Tbilisi, Georgia

12/1/2008 - 5/17/2010

The grantee trained 47 representatives of CSOs, mass media, state agencies, and academic institutions in Telavi and Rustavi, on how to identify and design solutions to relevant community problems. Participants developed policy papers on these issues in collaboration with the elected authorities of Telavi and Rustavi. Two participants submitted advocacy project proposals to donors and others initiated local watchdog activities. The grantee successfully carried out a two-tiered approach to developing local civic monitoring resources, by preparing cogent policy papers and successfully advocating for those policies within governmental bodies.

**Daily Newspaper Rezonance**

\$7,118

Tbilisi, Georgia

4/1/2010 - 10/31/2010

The grantee investigated and published articles about Georgia's forestry industry, focusing on the mechanisms, scale, and nature of illegal logging. As part of this research and analysis, the grantee provided information about the real and potential harmful effects of illegal logging. The project team investigated illegal logging on a national scale, and disseminated nine newspaper stories in print and online. The stories succeeded in providing the Georgian population and CSOs with in-depth analyses of illegal logging and deforestation.

**Dedoplistskaro Youth Bank**

\$2,261

Dedoplistskaro, Georgia

8/2/2010 - 12/1/2010

The grantee selected and funded five local youth-led initiative groups, which provided youth the opportunity to engage as active citizens in the democratic development of their communities. Initiative members organized a summer camp for 64 socially vulnerable youth, and offered trainings on elections related issues. Initiative members organized three-day trainings on elections-related issues for 22 young people residing in the villages of Zemo-Machkhaani, Gamarjveba, and Ozaani, and 21 young people residing in Kedevis-Zona. Through the Active Citizens project, initiative members organized intellectual games, enabling 64 young people to demonstrate their knowledge

about election-related issues and civil society. Initiative members additionally implemented a project entitled Civic Education, which organized a three-day training on election-related issues for 21 Dedoplistskaro students.

**Georgian Foundation for Strategic and International Studies (GFSIS)** \$33,032

Tbilisi, Georgia

12/2/2009 - 5/31/2010

The grantee implemented an integrated project composed of capacity building activities, policy development, and Training of Trainers (TOT) components for representatives of ethnic minority communities, in the region of Samtskhe-Javakheti. The grantee organized skills-oriented and awareness-raising training to promote the participation of ethnic minority community representatives in public policy decision-making for 24 representatives of civil society, media, and local government. The project will support the establishment of informal networks among regional civil society groups and Tbilisi-based CSOs.

**Georgian Tourism Association (GTA)** \$44,090

Tbilisi, Georgia

3/23/2009 - 1/15/2010

The grantee conducted three participatory stakeholder workshops in the Lagodekhi, Algeti and Kintrishi Protected Areas (PAs), to increase the knowledge of local stakeholders about practical tourism needs, and set realistic approaches when offering tourism products and services. The grantee created a database for guesthouses in and around the PAs, which includes 45 accommodation facilities. The grantee uploaded information about guesthouses on the international booking website for sustainable tourism ([www.travel-tbilisi.com](http://www.travel-tbilisi.com)). The grantee additionally created three promotional video clips about the selected PAs, and organized children's camps in the PAs, in cooperation with local schools. In order to develop the attractiveness and educational potential of the selected PAs, the grantee equipped an eco-educational path in the Algeti National Park, with a picnic area, restroom, garbage collection facility, and information boards. The grantee purchased five horse-riding saddles to increase the quality of horse-riding tours in Algeti National Park. More than 50 private and public sector stakeholders attended the final presentation of the project.

**Gori Youth Bank** \$1,300

Gori, Georgia

5/25/2010 - 8/25/2010

The grantee selected and funded four youth-led initiative projects in order to allow the youth to participate in society as active citizens. Through the Green Life project, initiative members planted 500 trees in the name of those who were killed during the August 2008 Russia-Georgia War. Through the Youth for Youth project, initiative members renovated the sports area of Gori Public School No. 2, to support youth engagement in athletic activities. Through the Start with Small project, initiative members established a small flower and tree garden in the yard of Gori Public School No. 5. Through the Books and Future Generation project, initiative members bought 14 contemporary youth scientific books for the Gori Public School No. 4 library.

**Guram Tikanadze Svaneti Youth Center** \$12,109

Mestia region, Georgia

4/1/2010 - 12/15/2010

The grantee conducted civic activism seminars for Latali residents. Out of 79 local participants of these seminars, the grantee selected 40 civic leaders for civic monitoring and advocacy skills training. The grantee distributed 1,200 information leaflets on civic responsibility and engagement. The grantee, in partnership with the Scientific-Information Association of Youth, carried out and submitted a report on the monitoring of problematic service areas by local government. Through monitoring, advocacy, and dialogue with the local government, the grantee helped resolve problems



in Latali regarding waste management and the operation of sewage and drinking-water systems. 1,200 residents in eight villages of Latali community benefited from improvements initiated by the grantee. The grantee ultimately created sustainable civic resources for citizen-based advocacy and civic monitoring, by mobilizing and training local community members.

### **Guria Youth Resource Center**

\$22,475

Ozurgeti, Georgia

9/20/2009 - 6/30/2010

The grantee increased civic awareness of community members in Ozurgeti and the surrounding villages of Natanebi, Nasakirali, Laituri, and Shroma, and fostered their engagement in decision-making. The grantee applied innovative methods of participatory learning appraisal to gauge the communities' awareness of their rights, understanding of the local government, and the level of citizens' engagement in decision-making. 300 people participated in the survey and focus groups. About 150 community members, mostly young people, improved their monitoring and advocacy knowledge and skills, through trainings in participatory monitoring of the local budget. As a result of these trainings, the grantee identified 20 youth leaders, who consistently engage their community members in civic monitoring and advocacy. The grantee also developed a theatrical sketch, reenacting how citizens' engagement can resolve local issues. The grantee organized this performance twice for 600 attendees. As part of the project, Ozurgeti youth leaders monitored municipal programs, including the Department of Animal Welfare.

### **Human Rights Center**

\$8,817

Tbilisi, Georgia

4/1/2010 - 1/31/2011

The grantee investigated cases of recent Georgian citizen forced disappearances, raised awareness about the issue, and facilitated an investigation of these cases by law enforcement agencies. The grantee compiled information on existing disappearance cases, and prepared 11 newspaper stories and three TV documentaries that were uploaded to Georgian and international websites ([www.humanrights.ge](http://www.humanrights.ge), [www.presa.ge](http://www.presa.ge), [www.hridc.tv](http://www.hridc.tv), [www.myvideo.ge](http://www.myvideo.ge), [www.hub.witness.org](http://www.hub.witness.org), [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)). The grantee informed the public about the importance of conducting proper investigations, though law enforcement agencies did not officially react to the project. The grantees also did not produce policy-level recommendations. Lessons learned include the necessity to conduct a targeted training in investigative reporting to make sure that the standards used by the grantees conform to internationally-acknowledged ethical and professional standards. No specific developments are expected to continue after the end of the project implementation, although the grantee is active in the field of human rights protection in Georgia and continues the operation of human rights websites ([humanrights.ge](http://humanrights.ge) and [www.hridc.tv](http://www.hridc.tv)).

### **Human Rights Priority**

\$18,479

Tbilisi, Georgia

9/5/2009 - 12/30/2010

The grantee provided pro bono legal assistance to 24 Georgian victims of the August 2008 Georgia-Russia War, conducted an advocacy skills training for ten lawyers, and trained eight interviewers in conducting legal needs assessments of 1,800 Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) residing in IDP collective centers, and collective settlements in Tbilisi and Gori. Trained interviewers developed an inventory of financial damages inflicted on IDPs. The grantee also posted detailed information about the project online ([www.hrp.ge](http://www.hrp.ge)) so that it is accessible to all parties concerned. The grantee conducted face-to-face meetings with IDPs and disseminated special brochures on IDP rights to increase the community's awareness of their rights. The grantee additionally delivered their needs assessment findings to government representatives in press conferences and special presentations. In response, government officials organized hearings on six IDP cases, including administrative appeals

from IDPs receiving legal assistance from the grantee. The grantee joined the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) litigation network, and prepared ECHR applications for war victims. The project was additionally supported by the Royal Norwegian Embassy's Small Grants Program in Georgia.

**Human Rights Protection and Social Equity Research Center** \$7,895  
Poti, Georgia 4/1/2010 - 10/31/2010

The grantee prepared investigative newspaper stories and informed the public about governmental activities in the region of Samegrelo. The grantee conducted six investigations on topics such as water supply rehabilitation in Poti, violations during the local self-government elections, and violations of property rights in Anaklia. As a result of investigations, the newspaper Tavisupali Sitkva published six news stories. The newspaper Rezonansi, the news website Presage, and the NGO Human Rights Centre, additionally published news stories related to the investigations. The grantee did not receive official responses from governmental bodies, however the stories attracted the attention of the public, Georgian media outlets, and human rights organizations.

**Independent TV Company Mega TV** \$7,032  
Kutaisi, Georgia 9/1/2010 - 2/28/2011

The grantee coordinated with volunteers, local experts, and municipal authorities to produce and broadcast three investigative documentaries covering important issues impacting the population of Imereti. Mega TV introduced a new investigative program called Vector, and produced two talk shows that focused on project activities. Programs covered topics such as the social inclusion of IDPs, changes to health insurance schemes, and elevator renovation in Kutaisi. The grantee will continue producing investigative civic monitoring stories, and hopes to operate on a long-term basis in order to more permanently monitor local authorities.

**Institute of Democracy** \$8,320  
Batumi, Georgia 4/1/2010 - 12/24/2010

The grantee supported investigative journalism in Adjara by developing and launching a new website ([www.adjaranews.ge](http://www.adjaranews.ge)), preparing 24 investigative journalism stories, producing four journalistic investigative documentaries, organizing public discussions with stakeholders, and creating incentives to stimulate investigative reporting in the region. The grantee produced one investigative documentary, which was broadcast on Channel 25 in Batumi. The grantee published the investigative journalism stories on the project website. The stories did not receive official responses from the governmental bodies, however they provided local civil society and the public with an in-depth investigation on salient issues facing Adjara.

**Institute of Social Studies and Analysis (ISSA)** \$37,813  
Tbilisi, Georgia 6/5/2009 - 9/30/2010

The grantee conducted a nationwide survey among 3,000 university students of 30 Georgian universities, to assess the knowledge, attitudes and behaviors of young people about sexual and reproductive health, and the risks of HIV/AIDS, in order to address the lack of data about attitudes and behaviors of young people about drug abuse, risks of unprotected sex, and reproductive biology. The results of this survey demonstrated that the current approaches to providing reproductive health information are not adequate in preparing youth for healthy sexual and reproductive lives in early adulthood.

**Latali Youth Bank**

\$1,676

Latali, Georgia

5/7/2010 - 11/5/2010

The grantee selected and funded three youth-led initiatives. Initiative members purchased 56 books to establish a youth center library of contemporary literature, trained 30 youth, organized an exhibition of the traditional art of Svanetian needlework, and organized sports games to promote healthy lifestyles.

**LTD Center Imedi**

\$7,766

Gurjaani, Georgia

4/1/2010 - 12/31/2010

The grantee investigated cases of human rights violations, corruption, and abuse of public office in the Kakheti region. The grantee conducted eight investigations on topics such as the reconstruction of the Tbilisi-Gombori-Telavi road, composition of election precinct boards during the local elections, cases of nepotism in Akhmeta municipality, and broadcasting violations by local TV stations. Local media produced eight stories as a result of grantee investigations, which were published on the Information Center Kakheti's website ([www.ick.ge](http://www.ick.ge)), in the newspaper Rezonansi, in the news magazine Liberali, on the Human Rights Center's website ([www.humanrights.ge](http://www.humanrights.ge)), and by other news agencies. Additionally, national TV stations, including Rustavi 2, Maestro, and the Georgian Public Broadcaster (GPB), ran stories as a result of grantee investigations. Several stories received official governmental responses, attracted the attention of national TV stations, and elicited lively public discussions.

**LTD Liberali**

\$6,661

Tbilisi, Georgia

4/1/2010 - 10/20/2010

The grantee investigated the Georgian government's reform management processes in social and economic life. The grantee conducted five investigations on topics such as the construction of a new building for the Georgian Parliament, violations in the health care system, the alleged pressure on a regional TV station in Gori, and violations of detainee rights. The grantee produced five stories as a result of its journalistic investigations, published the stories in Liberali magazine, and uploaded them on its web-site ([www.liberali.ge](http://www.liberali.ge)). Some of the stories featured by the grantee received an official response from governmental bodies, attracted the attention of other media outlets, and elicited lively public discussions on Liberali's website and Facebook page.

**LTD P.S. Newspaper**

\$10,184

Kutaisi, Georgia

4/1/2010 - 7/31/2010

The grantee increased the capacity of journalists working at the newspaper P.S. to provide the public with high quality investigative reporting, and to involve the local population in the project through the creation of a hotline, where citizens are able to call and provide information on violations or problems they encounter. The newspaper produced five newspaper inserts, and conducted four investigative journalism workshops for P.S. journalists. An estimated 250 citizens called the hotline during the project. The grantee published 29 investigative stories and detected serious deficiencies in the implementation of the state countryside support program.

**LTD Telecompany "Tanamgzavri"**

\$5,466

Telavi, Georgia

9/1/2010 - 2/18/2011

The grantee developed a series of investigative journalism stories to cover the implementation of the governmental program Support the Countryside in the 28 villages of the Telavi municipality. The grantee conducted informal meetings with the public, provided residents with program information, investigated the quality of the projects completed, and monitored the level of public engagement in

the decision-making process. The grantee produced and broadcast 28 investigative documentaries on the TV station Tanamgzavri. The stories did not receive official responses from governmental bodies, however, the grantee organized meetings with local communities to set plans for infrastructure projects. The grantee additionally provided program information to the public, increasing interest in the program.

### **M Publishing**

\$27,688

Tbilisi, Georgia

5/1/2009 - 6/15/2010

The grantee successfully developed an online version of the highly popular magazine Hot Chocolate, and contributed to the development of the online media-market in Georgia. During the project, the grantee e-published articles on 15 sensitive and largely culturally taboo topics, which led to wide public discussions and significantly contributed to the shaping of public attitudes toward various sensitive issues related to national culture and the modernization of society. The grantee also posted video podcasts of interviews and reports from cultural events, exclusively from contributors to the magazine. Along with improving Georgian online media, the project led to the creation of a very popular online discussion space, which will contribute to the promotion of a culture of tolerance, pluralism of opinions, civic awareness, and freedom of expression in Georgia.

### **Marneuli Youth Bank**

\$2,278

Marneuli, Georgia

2/24/2010 - 12/10/2010

The grantee selected and funded three youth-led initiatives to promote youth community participation. Initiative members organized a Taekwondo tournament to motivate sports involvement. Initiative members also formed three soccer teams and a tournament in the municipalities of Marneuli, Gardabani, and Rustavi. Initiative members also organized educational games for eight public schools in the municipality of Marneuli, targeting the villages of Algeti, Tazakandi, Sabirkande, and Khadjiknde. Initiative members also organized excursions to Tbilisi art museums, and supported local youth photo and drawing exhibitions.

### **Media Development Foundation**

\$24,183

Tbilisi, Georgia

12/1/2009 - 5/31/2010

The grantee confronted offensive language directed at ethnic, religious, and cultural minorities in Georgian press outlets through a three-month long media monitoring process, three focus group meetings, a roundtable discussion, and a journalist training session. The grantee identified potentially offensive media stereotypes, stigmas, insults, jokes, and expressions of intolerance towards ethnic, religious, and cultural minorities to help prevent potentially offensive content from being published in the future.

### **Medical Workers Initiative**

\$21,214

Kutaisi, Georgia

3/10/2009 - 5/19/2010

The grantee increased the capacity of 310 Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in Kutaisi collection centers to monitor state-funded medical services and to secure access to quality medical services. The grantee cooperated with the CSO Argusi, and local newspaper, radio, and television outlets. The grantee developed 16 reports and four informational brochures, which were disseminated to inform targeted groups about their advocacy and monitoring methods. The grantee also operated a hotline, through which the grantee rendered more than 100 consultations to concerned citizens. The Coordination Consultative Center for the Protection of Patients' Rights, which was created during the project cycle, continues to operate to this day, and supports advocacy efforts of local IDP patients and their families.

**Newspaper "Akhali Gazeti"**

\$8,219

Kutaisi, Georgia

9/1/2010 - 2/28/2011

The grantee produced six investigative journalism articles on topics such as investments in Kutaisi, violations of natural resources licensing, and rights of religious minorities to construct places of worship. Although there was no direct reaction from the local governmental bodies on the violations uncovered, the grantee disseminated investigations through the organization of two discussion meetings with participation of local NGOs and local self-government, in a TV show Forum on Mega TV, and participation in social media. There were no policy-level recommendations envisaged to be produced within this project. Lessons learned include a necessity to organize targeted trainings in investigative journalism before project implementation, in order to ensure a high quality of produced materials, and improve capacities of journalists in investigative reporting.

**Newspaper "Kakhetis Khma"**

\$6,736

Gurjaani, Georgia

9/1/2010 - 2/28/2011

The grantee provided the population of the Kakheti region with access to investigative journalism by providing the newspaper Kakhetis Khma with experienced investigative journalists to mentor its journalists in investigation design and implementation. The grantee produced seven investigative journalism articles on topics such as the energy distribution system in Kakheti, the implementation of river bank reinforcement projects, and the impact of low quality pesticides on Kakheti vineyards. Grantee investigations received responses from governmental bodies, local NGOs, and other media outlets.

**Ozurgeti Youth Bank**

\$2,849

Ozurgeti, Georgia

10/20/2009 - 11/1/2010

The grantee selected and funded five youth-led initiatives. Through the A Road to Healthy Life project, initiative members renovated the football stadium in the village of Nagobilevi, and organized a football tournament to promote active and healthy lifestyles among the youth. Through the English Language Library project, initiative members purchased 45 English language books for the Meria Village Public School in order to improve Meria youth access to English language literature. Through the Intellectual Games Tournament project, initiative members organized a tournament among the students attending five public schools located in the municipality of Ozurgeti in order to foster a culture of intellectualism among the youth. Initiative members also organized a conference on climate change, where 70 students from three Lanchkhuti public schools discussed global warming, and organized a protest rally in front of a local tarmac factory.

**Peaceful and Business Caucasus**

\$24,840

Kutaisi, Georgia

2/1/2010 - 7/31/2010

The grantee utilized the potential of public diplomacy in combination with healthy business aspirations of Abkhaz and Ossetian citizens, by stopping the alienation process between Georgians, Abkhazians, and Ossetians involved in the project. 100 Abkhazians, 100 Ossetians, and 200 Georgians participated in the project. The grantee implemented shop tours to Lilo and Gonio wholesale markets, and provided the Abkhaz and Ossetian participants with the opportunity to meet with prominent Georgian public figures and experts to discuss issues of mutual interest. According to participant feedback, these meetings further contributed to confidence-building. One of the positive outcomes of this project was a high-profile reception for Abkhaz and Ossetian participants by the Catholicos Patriarch of the Georgian Orthodox Church, who awarded the guests a small amount of cash for their future activities.

**Public Union "The Young Scientists' Club of Ozurgeti"**

\$4,069

Ozurgeti, Georgia

6/10/2010 - 9/9/2010

The grantee organized advocacy and civic monitoring trainings for 36 civic activists and journalists from Ozurgeti, Lanchkhuti, and Chokhatauri. The training participants prepared issues-based monitoring plans under the guidance of the grantee. The project increased the number of civic monitoring practitioners in Guria, who conducted civic monitoring and advocacy events in their communities.

**TASO Foundation**

\$29,664

Tbilisi, Georgia

5/10/2009 - 7/15/2010

The grantee fostered increased civic awareness and improved capacity of both IDPs and local villagers by providing hands on trainings on various topics. By creating a Women's Resource Center in the frontline village of Karaleti, 15 IDP women learned how to use a computer, and 35 received consultations on specific issues of their interest. 139 participants from Karaleti, and eight from adjacent villages participated in educational programs provided by the Women's Resource Center. Six project participants received training in conflict settlement and three were trained as trainers in community empowerment. 500 brochures and 300 posters served as valuable informational sources for the beneficiaries in Karaleti and other villages. The grantee equipped the Women's Resource Center with a library, internet, and telephone lines. The Center, which is managed by a ten-person initiative group, continues to provide consultations and assistance to local IDP community groups. The project was a part of TASO Foundation's larger program that aimed to support rural IDP women to engage in social and economic activities in the Shida Kartli region.

**Tserovani Youth Bank**

\$2,704

Tserovani, Georgia

2/24/2010 - 3/24/2010

The grantee selected and funded five youth led initiative groups to participate in society as active citizens. Initiative members taught a group of ten IDP youth how to make art out of natural materials such as leaves and flowers. Initiative members organized excursions to the nearby territories to de-stress and collect natural material for handicrafts. Initiative members also created the first youth community library in the community of Tserovani, purchasing 35 books and setting up a library book registry. The members established another small library in a different part of Tserovani to make sure that youth have access to books in two locations.

**Union Southern Gates**

\$9,509

Akhaltsikhe, Georgia

9/1/2010 - 2/28/2011

The grantee provided access to investigative Georgian and Armenian language journalism articles in the Samtskhe-Javakheti region. The grantee enlisted an experienced investigative journalist, Mr. Zviad Koridze, to mentor eight journalists in designing and implementing investigations. The trained journalists produced eight investigative journalism articles on topics such as potable water problems, forestry, ecological problems of Lake Khanchala, and the repatriation of Meskhetian Turks. The project did not receive an official response from governmental bodies, however, some investigations conducted by the grantee received attention from environmental NGOs.

**Union Studio Monitor**

\$36,252

Tbilisi, Georgia

10/1/2008 - 7/31/2009

The grantee recorded independent journalistic watchdog activities through nine documentaries based on journalistic investigations of abuses of power by central and local authorities and human rights violations in various spheres. The films covered the topics such as private property seizures,

business takeovers, abuses of power by financial police and law enforcement bodies, spending of the presidential reserve fund and the Tbilisi mayor's reserve fund, abuse of administrative resources for pre-election activities, and IDP issues. A documentary film about 15,000 social workers hired by Tbilisi City Hall, who were accused of campaigning on behalf of the ruling United National Movement party before the parliamentary elections, had wide resonance and its transcript was reprinted by the popular magazine *Liberali*, provoking much public discussion. The project contributed to the development of the media and independent journalistic studios as watchdog organizations.

**Union "Svaneti Tourism Center"**

\$20,679

Svaneti, Georgia

5/15/2009 - 2/28/2010

The grantee implemented a nine-month project to attract tourists to villages of the Upper Svaneti region, by facilitating sustainable and safe tourism development. The grantee conducted seminars and trainings for local guesthouse owners, and trained tour guides and rescuers. 17 local guesthouse owners, 11 guides, and eight rescuers participated in the seminar. The grantee also prepared a special guidebook for rescuers. The grantee disseminated information about guesthouse owners, guides, and rescuers trained during the project to tour operators. After the completion of the project, the Svaneti Tourism Center continued to update information and photos about available guesthouses on their webpage. The center will complete and place the guesthouse information on the Georgian Tourism Association's webpage.

**Violence Protection and Civil Education Regional Center**

\$8,754

Gurjaani, Georgia

4/1/2010 - 12/31/2010

The grantee prepared investigative TV stories covering the governmental Support the Countryside programs in the municipalities of Gurjaani, Kvareli, Lagodekhi, and Signaghi. The grantee prepared four documentaries, requested public information from governmental bodies, and conducted onsite investigations in the villages. The project resulted in greater governmental program efficiency, prompted reactions from the relevant governmental bodies, and increased public access to information about the municipalities' activities, and improved public oversight. In some cases, the relevant governmental bodies took action and ensured public participation in decision-making processes.

**Wild Plant Conservation Association (WPCA)**

\$29,477

Tbilisi, Georgia

3/25/2009 - 9/30/2010

The grantee developed ways to protect the economically important *Cyclamen verum Sweet* and *Galanthus woronowii Losinsk* plants, as part of the 2009 Eco Awards Program. The grantee conserved the two species ex-situ by creating natural collections and a seed bank. The grantee evaluated the status of the target plant populations in eastern Georgia. In collaboration with representatives of Kew Royal Botanic Garden, the grantee elaborated and tested a special method of vegetative reproduction. This was especially important in the case of *Cyclamen verum Sweet*, which does not reproduce naturally through vegetation. A portion of the seeds collected during the field visits were sown in laboratories, greenhouses, and natural conditions outside. The seeds were placed in a Caucasian Regional Seeds Bank located at the Tbilisi Botanical Gardens. This reserve will be used for further research and testing. The grantee additionally placed duplicates in the Millennium Seeds Bank, at the Kew Royal Botanic Garden in the United Kingdom. 50 samples of herbaria that the grantee collected during the field visits were sent to the Georgian National Herbarium.

**Young Pedagogues Union**

\$23,205

Ozurgeti, Georgia

9/20/2009 - 10/5/2010

The grantee monitored the implementation of the Law of Georgia on General Education in 15 secondary schools in the municipalities of Ozurgeti, Lanchkhuti, and Chokhatauri. As a result of monitoring activities, the grantee better understood how various provisions of the law are implemented, and organized recommendations to deal with implementation issues revealed during the monitoring. The grantee organized four trainings on monitoring and advocacy, attended by 60 participants. Participants later established several internal and external monitoring groups to conduct public oversight of targeted schools, and coordinated with local communities and experts to take part in this process. The monitoring groups conducted 45 monitoring projects in target schools, and informed the relevant local and central authorities about detected shortcomings in school discipline, management, education, and curriculum.

**Zugdidi Youth Bank**

\$2,242

Zugdidi, Georgia

2/1/2010 - 12/1/2010

The grantee selected and funded three youth-led initiatives to promote youth community participation. Initiative members formed a theatre group and staged a public performance in Zugdidi, enabling the local youth to display their acting talent. Initiative members also began a national dancing, singing, and poetry reading competition between public school students to preserve cultural traditions. Initiative members staged a performance about violence, smoking, alcohol, drug abuse, and gambling addiction. Initiative members also organized intellectual games to deepen members' knowledge in various fields of study.

**Kazakhstan****East Kazakhstan Oblast Association of Museum Workers**

\$9,297

Ust-Kamenogorsk, Kazakhstan

3/9/2010 - 7/9/2010

The grantee trained 17 artisans how to market their crafts, in order to develop distribution channels for crafts in the Eastern-Kazakhstan oblast. The grantee organized the Young Craftsman of East Kazakhstan Oblast crafts fair for 61 artisans. Nine artisans participated in the II Inter-regional Fair of Traditional Kazakh Decorative and Applied Arts. Craftsmen gained access to new distribution channels by participating in fairs in Ust-Kamenogorsk and Semey. The grantee also introduced master classes for fair visitors as a new marketing approach. The crafts fair and three, two-day trainings on Kazakh traditional weaving, felt-making, and weaving with reed mace, were jointly held with the Eastern-Kazakhstan oblast's Akimat, within the Gender Policy in Kazakhstan: Authority and Society conference. UNDP-committed program funding came from the Chevron Corporation, in conjunction with the Kazakhstan Artisan Business Development Program.

**Our Heritage Public Foundation**

\$21,220

Almaty, Kazakhstan

12/1/2009 - 6/30/2010

The grantee increased the share of Kazakhstan's crafts in local and regional markets, in order to reduce the costs of distributing crafts in Almaty and Astana. 67 artisans in central, southern, eastern Kazakhstan and Almaty oblasts were trained to market their crafts. For the trained artisans, art managers conducted a fair training in Almaty. By the project's end, artisans from central, southern, eastern Kazakhstan and Almaty oblasts improved their art marketing knowledge and skills. The grantee developed a manual and reference materials for art-manager, and a group of ten art-managers created and four points for craft production and distribution established. Finally, artisans changed their marketing approaches and increased their sales by an average of 30%. Funding came



from the Chevron Corporation and the Kcell Company, within the framework of the Kazakhstan Artisan Business Development Program.

## **Russian Federation**

### **Local Level Collaboration Center/Krasnoyarsk**

#### **Regional Community Organization**

\$14,600

Krasnoyarsk, Russia

5/12/2010 - 11/15/2010

The grantee facilitated the development of the Coordination Board for the Development of Community Education as part of the Monitoring and Evaluating the Development of Community Schools: Methods and Indicators meeting. The meeting participants took an active part in the roundtable events and workshops held within the framework of the Annual National Forum for the development of community schools. In addition, the meeting participants discussed the report, "Experiences in Testing Community School Development Methods." The grantee helped design a document describing a system of criteria used to assess the development of community schools and put together a plan of further actions to finalize the Russian version of the community school self-evaluation guidelines and self-evaluation instructions. Finally, the project helped design a number of training programs, incorporating self-evaluation into the regular community school practices, and assigning scopes of responsibility. All project-related information is available on the Russian community schools movement website.

### **NGO Civil Strategy**

\$11,896

Karachaevo-Cherkessia, Russia

1/11/2009 - 6/30/2010

The grantee improved the operating effectiveness of the secondary and boarding schools of the Republic of Karachaevo-Cherkessia in interethnic conflict prevention and resolution, and the promotion of tolerance among secondary school students.

### **Public Organization "Youth Problems Institute"**

\$13,264

Nalchik, Russia

12/01/2009 - 6/30/2010

The grantee designed a series of training seminars to develop productive interethnic communication skills in young people residing in the Baksansky, Prokhladnensky, and Chereksky districts of the Republic of Kabardino-Balkaria. As a result of the training, the grantee established experimental interethnic collaboration forums in three selected settlements. Additionally, executive bodies, local self-government bodies, youth parliaments, public associations, and organizations of the Republic of Kabardino-Balkaria have been involved in conflict prevention activities.

### **Resource Center of Community Schools**

\$14,540

Omsk, Russia

11/1/2010 - 2/28/2011

The grantee held a conference called The Future is in Our Hands, which helped introduce the leaders of community school resource centers to the practical experiences accumulated in the Omsk region to date, which may be found useful when determining the development strategy of the community schools movement, as well as the role of community school resource centers. Conference participants also attended training sessions on the development of effective collaboration between community school resource centers, bodies of power, and private businesses.

**Southern Regional Resource Center**

\$12,412

Krasnodar, Russia

12/1/2009 - 12/31/2010

The grantee established a permanent institute of social moderators in the sphere of interethnic relations in the Krasnodar region and the Republic of Adygea. The grantee enabled the participants of the Social Facilitation School to act as social facilitators within their social organizations, and take an active part in the implementation of social projects designed to prevent xenophobia, and promote positive, conflict free interethnic relations. The social facilitation specialists took part in the Social Facilitation as an Interethnic Conflict Prevention Tool training seminar, implemented 10 initiatives designed to reduce the propensity for conflict among the youth of the Krasnodar region, obtained information about the methods that can be used to prevent interethnic conflict in the Northern Caucasus, and submitted analytical briefs detailing the pilot project results to four local self-government leaders in the Krasnodar region and the Republic of Adygea.

**Ulyanovsk Local Youth Movement "Association of Learning Youth"**

\$14,735

Ulyanovsk, Russia

5/12/2010 - 9/15/2010

The grantee identified the motivational preferences of participants in the Russian community schools movement, and opportunities for the creation of a motivational field for the community schools network. The grantee organized a special conference of the Coordination Board for the Development of Community Education. Conference participants were presented with the report, "Motivational Field of the Community Schools Network," that was prepared specifically to be discussed at this meeting. As part of the educational component, the grantee trained conference participants in handling obstacles impeding innovation at learning institutions.

**Lithuania****European Humanities University**

\$225,300

Vilnius, Lithuania

6/1/2009 - 4/29/2011

The grantee supported the institutional development of the European Humanities University (EHU). It solidified its development functions, and continued to provide access to exceptional higher education for Belarusian students by developing the "Communication Strategy," "Projects Design," and "Students' Projects Design" manuals. The project is an important step towards increased access to education among young Belarusians, and will promote the EHU as a prominent European university.

**Ukraine****Center for Public Expertise**

\$30,863

Kyiv, Ukraine

3/1/2010 - 7/15/2011

Project partners determined to improve capacity and replicate best practices in energy efficient housing and municipal building practices among municipal governments and civil society nationwide. During the initial phase of the project a protocol of intent was signed between EEF, the Center for Public Expertise and the Ministry of Housing and Communal Services of Ukraine; together these groups also developed the project methodology, participant selection criteria, a brief questionnaire and recommendations on its completion, plus a strategy to solicit information on best practices from local authorities. The project accumulated information on 230 energy-saving practices on the local level. Subsequently, 168 projects were chosen for further analysis, 44 of which were selected for a detailed analysis. The analysis included information about the technologies implemented, who implemented them, when the improvements occurred, the economic

effectiveness and energy savings benefit of each, and project funding sources. The project introduced a systematic approach to the analysis of energy efficiency best practices and future policymaking as well as launched a system of information and experience exchange on energy efficiency between municipalities. The project initiated broad public discussions on energy use in the communal housing sector. The project was co-funded by the Embassy of Switzerland in Ukraine, the Embassy of Norway in Ukraine and USAID.

**Zhytomyr Oblast Department of All-Ukrainian Public Center "Volunteer"** \$28,278  
 Berdychiv, Ukraine 12/10/2010 - 9/24/2011

In Ukraine, an estimated 100,000 orphans are raised in state orphanages that fail to prepare them for an independent life or a working career. After leaving such institutions, these young people lack the practical skills necessary for integration into society, including communication skills and the ability to search and apply for a job. In order to address these needs and prepare more orphans for an independent life, the grantee conducted training seminars for 69 social workers and NGO leaders to help improve services for orphans. In addition, 39 vulnerable young people participated in a series of eight one-day seminars on life and employment-related skills at the Berdychiv Professional Agrarian Lyceum. The grantee developed, published and disseminated 1,000 copies of the booklets used in the seminars and 1,000 copies of a guidebook for youth on employment issues. New services to prepare orphans for an independent life were created at the Lyceum, namely a consulting center, an information booth and a forum theater. The grantee also built partnerships between NGOs working with vulnerable youth, local government agencies and local employers. As a result of the project, seven agreements on cooperation were signed between various partners. In all, 16 vocational schools and a social dormitory in Zhytomyr oblast trained 268 vulnerable young people, and the training program for vulnerable youth was included in the curriculum used by social workers at vocational schools in the oblast. The project, co-funded by the World Childhood Foundation, promoted the effective adaptation of orphans to society by developing partnerships between local NGOs, governmental institutions and local businesses.

**Center for Sustainable Development "Roza Vetrov"** \$18,422  
 Donetsk, Ukraine 5/17/2010 - 4/30/2011

In order to improve the ecological situation in the City of Donetsk, the pilot project aimed at reforming the city's waste management policy by initiating separate waste collection in one city district, raising the ecological awareness of local citizens and testing the public-private partnership approach in the sphere of waste management. The grantee created a working group consisting of local government, civil society and business representatives, organized two roundtables to unite stakeholder efforts, selected a pilot district and started separate waste collection. Project partner Grinko-Don, a company specialized in waste collection, installed 550 waste containers during the project, plus arranged for garbage disposal and recycling. To support the project, industry experts conducted individual meetings and training sessions for 30 city employees. To ensure a smooth transition to separate waste collection, the grantee surveyed 236 respondents to study public opinion in the pilot district, developed an information campaign methodology by which 250 volunteers informed pilot district residents (about 5,000 households) about project activities and the launch of separate waste collection, and distributed project information materials. The project increased the level of ecological conscientiousness and awareness regarding the benefits of separate waste collection among the target audience. Based on the results of the survey, nearly 80% of residents in the pilot district support separate waste collection.

**Chornobay Rayon Organisation of Veterans of Ukraine**

\$16,370

Chernobay, Ukraine

2/1/2011 - 7/31/2011

To facilitate the provision of vital services to the elderly and people with disabilities, the grantee founded a community center for the elderly on the premises of the municipal territorial center in the city of Prydniprovsk village, Chornobay district. Initially, the grantee conducted major renovation on the Culture House of Prydniprovsk village, that currently hosts the newly established community center. The grantee identified activities that would be popular among center visitors and created seven hobby groups, among which are retro movie theater, two vocal groups, chess and checkers club, domino hobby group and photography club. Thanks to the assistance of local authorities and local sponsors, the elderly also started to have access to billiards and table tennis. As a result of the project, 189 people visit the center's hobby groups and take advantage of the very popular center services: Massage, hair salon, clothing repair, Internet, printing and photocopying. Part of EEF's "Community Centers for People in Need" program, the project was co-funded by Japan Tobacco International (JTI).

**Ecological Club "Eremurus"**

\$14,238

Kiev, Ukraine

5/17/2010 - 1/31/2011

The project aimed to develop a sustainable mechanism to improve energy efficiency among municipal institutions in Myrhorod, Poltava oblast. The project: engaged the local community in the development and oversight of energy-efficiency programs; used an advisory committee to ensure citizen participation in the city's energy-efficiency planning; conducted energy audits at seven city schools; utilized the energy audit results to draft a city program for energy saving and efficiency in local schools designed to use 40% less energy; and trained 23 city government employees, school administrators and teachers on key aspects of energy efficiency. Energy monitoring software was installed in city schools, thereby enabling local officials to manage energy consumption. Project experts developed a concept and procedures for a revolving fund to finance the city's energy-saving initiatives for review by the Myrhorod City Council. Project experts have also worked to promote energy efficiency among the entire community through trainings, contests and media campaigns. The project developed regulatory policies currently under review by the city council that will provide local decision makers with a transparent and empowering plan for improving energy efficiency. Energy management and monitoring systems now work effectively in city schools, helping to save energy and scarce resources, and the project has also engaged a wider audience by accenting youth in the planning, implementation and monitoring of energy-saving initiatives.

**NGO "Crimea Development Institute"**

\$15,121

Sevastopol, Ukraine

5/17/2010 - 3/30/2011

"North Side" (Severnaya storona) is a neighborhood of 40,000 people in Sevastopol located on the north side of Sevastopol Bay. The project aimed to enhance the citizens' role in planning and implementation local social and economic development policies for North Side. The grantee researched the development needs of the community, conducted two opinion polls, two expert focus groups, and worked with policymakers to increase the quality of administrative, recreational and educational services provided to North Side residents. The grantee drafted a neighborhood development concept, which was discussed at two public hearings and submitted to the district council in the Nakhimov District State Administration. A website ([www.sevstorona.info](http://www.sevstorona.info)) was developed, a community newspaper called "Severnaya storona" (with a circulation of 2,000) was registered and six issues were published to inform residents about neighborhood activities. The grantee conducted a broad information campaign with two press conferences organized to present the project and the results of opinion polls. 115 articles have been published online and in local print

media, while four TV and radio spots were broadcast with information on project activities. A citizens' action coalition was created with the participation of two local NGOs to lobby development issues on behalf of residents and the grantee issued a calendar promoting the citizens' action coalition. Over the course of the project, the citizens' action coalition was able to mobilize more than 1,500 residents and successfully countered plans for an unwanted cottage construction inside a community park.

**Poltava Business Development Center**

\$12,040

Poltava, Ukraine

5/17/2010 - 2/28/2011

The project aimed to improve the ecological situation in Lubny, Poltava oblast, through efficient waste management. The grantee researched the current situation concerning waste management in the community, conducted an opinion-pool to define residents' attitudes towards waste management, and assisted local government in developing a municipal waste management program. The research results were discussed at three round tables. 25 participants were trained in successful waste management practices during a study tour and seminar in Myrhorod. 22 local officials from Poltava oblast attended training on fundraising for local community development projects and programs. The grantee organized a contest for waste management business plans and provided funding for the winner. A research and practice seminar on innovative recycling technologies and waste management was organized. The grantee published 2000 copies of a leaflet and 2 thematic issues of a local newspaper, conducted an informational campaign among city residents to increase their awareness of ecological issues in the city and mobilized the community through eco-friendly actions and an art exhibition at school. The grantee assisted local government in applying to the Foundation of Local Self-Governance that resulted in additional infrastructure and material resources to help solve ecological issues in the community. With funding from the Foundation of Entrepreneurship Support, a local company equipped its vehicle with tools for separate waste collection. As a result of the project, the waste management concept was approved by Lubny City Council.

**Public Organization "Development of Sevastopol"**

\$4,361

Sevastopol, Ukraine

9/1/2010 - 7/29/2011

The project was aimed at promoting separate solid waste collection in the City of Sevastopol. The project helped to unite the efforts of civil society, local government, waste collecting and recycling enterprises and experts. Together they assessed the benefits and risks of separate waste collection, and developed appropriate recommendations for the city administration. A group of stakeholders, which included representatives of the Sevastopol City State Administration, two major waste collection companies working in the city and NGOs, participated in study tours to become acquainted with the relevant experience of Myrhorod and Donetsk, both of which have already introduced effective systems of separate waste collection. The recommendations developed within the project were presented and discussed at two roundtables and four press conferences in Sevastopol. The grantee conducted an information campaign among city residents to increase their awareness of ecological issues in the city and mobilize them through eco-friendly actions. The campaign resulted in 30 video spots and 75 online publications. The grantee also piloted a series of ecology lessons for children at five secondary and two vocational schools and involved them in multiple clean-up campaigns around the city. A total of 14 such campaigns were conducted over the course of the project. The project helped to establish a public-private partnership between city and district governments, waste management companies and concerned citizens in order to improve the local ecological situation by introducing updated waste management policies.

**Vinnitsa Regional Organisation of People with Disabilities A-Vesta** \$10,204

Vinnitsa, Ukraine

5/17/2010 - 5/31/2011

Busha is a village of 3,000 residents in southern Vinnytsia oblast. The goal of the project was to increase the economic development of this community through tourism entrepreneurship. A coalition of NGOs and local authorities was created to enhance local community development. The grantee organized a meeting of 71 village residents to inform them about the project and planned activities. More than 200 residents received basic entrepreneurial skills in three training sessions, participated in eight crafts workshops with local and invited artists, plus learned how to develop family-run hotels during a seminar and study tour. 39 people took part in two training sessions on community development and public advocacy campaigns. Ten individual consultations were provided to residents interested in launching their own business, while a press conference and press tour were organized for journalists to draw attention to tourism opportunities in the area. In addition, a website entitled "Busha invites you!" was launched. The grantee also published a guide book on entrepreneurship for remote area residents that was presented to 35 people from neighboring communities. Finally, 72 residents took part in public hearings where they discussed action steps to further promote their village with tourists and resolve important community issues such as lighting, transportation and waste management.

**Zolotonosha Municipal Charitable Foundation of Mercy and Health** \$10,046

Zolotonosha, Ukraine

12/15/2010 - 6/15/2011

To facilitate the provision of vital services to the elderly and people with disabilities, the grantee founded a community center for the elderly on the premises of the municipal territorial center in the city of Zolotonosha. As part of the project, the grantee identified activities that would be popular among the center clients and created seven hobby groups, among which are retro movie theater, literature readings, crafts, singing and table games club. As a result of the project, 61 people visit the center's seven hobby groups and participate in them actively. Additionally, the center established a laundry and shower service. To publicize these opportunities, the organization published a brochure about the new services and spread it among the target audience. Part of EEF's "Community Centers for People in Need" program, the project was co-funded by Japan Tobacco International (JTI).

**Agency for Economic Development, Voznesensk City** \$13,235

Voznesensk, Ukraine

8/1/2009 - 7/31/2010

The grantee engaged citizens in energy efficiency policymaking, and provided residents with the capacity, resources, and incentives to improve energy efficiency. Project experts explored energy and resource savings related problems in heating, lighting, and waste management, and developed recommendations on improvements. The grantee raised more than \$7,000 for the competition, from the city council and the International Renaissance Foundation. 60 individual consultations were provided to potential applicants. The competition produced eight projects that were implemented, each envisaging modernization of lighting in territories surrounding multi-dwelling apartment buildings or common spaces. Residents contributed more than \$1,000 to the project budgets, which, in the first two months, resulted in energy savings ranging from 44.6%-50.3%. The estimated average yearly savings on the pilot sites totaled 75%. Publications included 35 media reports on these initiatives and a booklet on energy efficient technology. The grantee also developed an interactive presentation on energy saving for administrators and 227 students. Recommendations have been incorporated into the city's sustainable energy development program, approved by the city council on August 26, 2010.

**All - Ukrainian Charitable Organization “Care for Elderly in Ukraine”** \$6,691  
 Cherkasy, Ukraine 12/15/2010 - 6/15/2011  
 The grantee founded a community center for elderly people on the premises of a municipal territory center in the city of Cherkasy. The grantee first identified activities that would be popular among center clients and created five hobby groups, including vocal, retro movie club, aromatherapy, crafts, and chess and checkers groups. As a result of the project, 126 people visited and actively participated in the center's five hobby groups. The center provided 841 aromatherapy sessions and organized two excursions for the elderly clients. The grantee also organized training for 20 volunteers that work with the elderly. The local media took interest in the center and highlighted its activities in two radio spots and two print articles. The project was additionally supported by Japan Tobacco International (JTI).

**Association Lviv Tourist Board** \$14,916  
 Lviv, Ukraine 7/1/2009 - 3/31/2010  
 The grantee designed a tourism route, created documentation needed to establish such a route, and lobbied for local financial assistance to support its efforts. In order to increase the quality of tourism services for people with disabilities, the grantee developed a learning module on tourism for people with special needs that has been incorporated into general tour guide courses in Lviv. During a three-day seminar, the grantee acquainted 90 tour guides with the specifics of working with special - needs tourists. The grantee also published 500 copies of a tourism guide for professionals, and 1,000 copies of self-guided city tours for people with special needs. A total of 58 representatives from local NGOs discussed the existing situation, and ways to improve tourism opportunities for people with special needs at an international conference organized by the grantee.

**Berdyansk City Committee of Movement  
 "Educators For Peace and Understanding"** \$10,236  
 Berdyansk, Ukraine 5/17/2010 - 12/1/2010  
 The grantee developed mechanisms for establishing partnerships between NGOs, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), and governmental organizations to solve local problems. As part of the training program, 59 representatives of local NGOs and SMEs participated in workshops on social partnerships, proposal development, and presentation efficiency. The grantee consulted with 16 local NGOs to develop their proposals and present them during a community project fair. The grantee also published a brochure entitled, "Berdyansk NGO Initiatives" and presented its contents during the fair. The project received significant local media coverage, with 19 print and online articles, and 12 TV and radio news stories. Of the 12 initiatives developed by community and youth NGOs in various areas of community life, eight of those presented during the fair were supported by local businesses for a total sum of UAH 22,220. To increase the participation of local NGOs in community life and to make their activities more sustainable, the grantee partnered with the municipal government to develop regulations on open competitions for social projects funded from the city budget.

**Bukovinska Partnership Agency, Chernivtsy City Public Union** \$9,243  
 Chernivtsi, Ukraine 9/22/2008 - 1/23/2009  
 The grantee established a fund to assist small communities and individual households, and designed procedures for administration of the disaster recovery fund. Two independent commissions were composed in the districts of Vyzhnytsia and Hlyboka, with local coordinators appointed for each. Each commission held five meetings with local coordinators, and traveled to flood sites more than 50 times to assess damage and monitor the progress of the supported applications. During October

and November, the commissions reviewed nearly 300 residential and community applications, eventually supporting 22 community and 93 individual household applications. Among the community applications, the projects mainly focused on the reconstruction of pedestrian bridges and pontoon bridges, public wells and water pipes, as well as other public infrastructure. Two press conferences were conducted, resulting in 15 articles published in the local media, three articles posted online, and 14 TV and radio segments.

**Bukovinska Partnership Agency, Chernivtsy City Public Union**

\$15,137

Chernivtsi, Ukraine

10/1/2009 - 7/23/2010

The grantee promoted e-governance activities in the Chernivtsi oblast. The grantee first studied the e-readiness of the oblast communities and provided recommendations on possible improvements in public service provisions through the use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT). The results were presented to deputies of the Chernivtsi oblast and local councils. The grantee also developed training materials and organized training seminars for public servants in the 11 other districts of the Chernivtsi oblast to outline the benefits of e-governance. 663 public servants were trained on e-governance issues and the application of the Smart Village system, which was installed in the 260 rural councils of the oblast. The project was co-funded by the OSCE Project Coordinator in Ukraine.

**Creavita Kharkiv Disabled Persons Charitable Organization**

\$11,393

Kharkiv, Ukraine

5/17/2010 - 4/29/2011

The grantee established partnerships between NGOs, the business community, and local authorities, with the aim of jointly developing innovative approaches in order to make the city of Kharkiv more accessible for disabled people. The grantee held three roundtable discussions for 115 representatives of private transport companies, construction companies, and the heads of administrative and social institutions in the city to discuss inaccessible infrastructure. As part of an information campaign, the grantee created an 18-minute video about accessibility in the city for the disabled and published leaflets and more than 1,000 copies of a booklet about efforts to make the city more accessible. The grantee conducted a broad media campaign conducted throughout the project, which resulted in more than ten articles appearing in online and print media. The organization also partnered with the Kharkiv City Council to make the city's opera house accessible for disabled people, and organized a lobbying campaign to attract funding to enable other buildings to be made more accessible. The project has brought accessible infrastructures into the mind of the public, and has increased the community's ability to formulate civic policy impacting people with disabilities. The grantees additionally organized a permanent working group, which will continue to pursue improvements in city infrastructures. Working group recommendations contributed to the municipal program to promote safe living and social protection of the citizens of Kharkiv.

**Charitable Foundation Civil Initiatives Center**

\$10,400

Perechyn, Ukraine

7/15/2010 - 5/15/2011

The grantee created an initiative group made up of 20 representatives from the community, town council, and local businesses, in order to provide sustainable economic, social, and cultural development for the town of Perechyn. Previously, the Perechyn Town Council did not have a systematic tool for strategic city management and, therefore, could not effectively plan the community's development. The working group members improved their skills during training seminars and study tours to the towns of Rakhiv, Vinohradiv, Dolyna and Yaremche. The group drafted a strategic plan and organized five follow-up public hearings. The grantee involved over 150 local citizens in discussions of the strategic plan and the grantee informed approximately 6,000



citizens of the initiative through newspapers, websites, and newsletters. As a result, the town council approved a strategic plan for Perechyn up until 2021. This project was additionally supported by UNITER, which is funded by USAID through PACT, Inc. in partnership with the International Renaissance Foundation.

**Charitable Organization "Malteser Assistance Service"**

\$6,812

Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine

10/12/2009 - 5/12/2010

The grantee conducted a project aimed at lobbying for equal rights and drawing attention to existing problems of accessibility for people with special needs in Ivano-Frankivsk oblast. As part of the project the grantee assessed 15 existing city buildings, including hotels, movie theaters, the local university, and city hall. The results of the assessment were posted on the separate "Accessibility" section on the grantee's website, while the site itself also includes legal documentation, best practices in this area and various documents that reflect the current situation with regard to accessibility of city infrastructure. In order to draw attention to the topic, five public events were staged in various raions of Ivano-Frankivsk oblast, and a competition to create socially oriented advertising was held among local school children. More than 400 people witnessed or took part in the events, while 70 representatives from local NGOs, the media and civic activists participated in the final press conference. The project is part of the program entitled, World Without Barriers: Equal Access for People with Special Needs, a program additionally supported by the Telenor Group in Ukraine.

**Communities Development Association**

\$9,377

Kharkiv, Ukraine

7/15/2010 - 5/15/2011

The grantee developed a multi-channel funding mechanism for NGOs from both local government and corporate sources, in order to assist the more than 150 civil society organizations in Kharkiv that serve vulnerable groups. The grantee produced a brochure on this multi-channel funding mechanism, and distributed 450 copies of the guidelines among NGOs and other stakeholders. The grantee organized a training program for 53 representatives of NGOs on fundraising and project management to increase their ability to provide social services to disadvantaged groups and diversify their sources of funding. The grantee provided NGOs with 47 consultations on proposal development. As a result of the training, 33 social projects from local NGOs were compiled, published, and disseminated to corporations, local businesses and entrepreneurs willing to support charitable activity. The project received significant media coverage, with 30 articles published in online and print media. The project resulted in a tripartite model of cooperation between NGOs, businesses, and local governments for multi-channel funding of social services. The grantee consulted and trained local NGOs to attract corporate and private funding, and will continue coaching local organizations to do so after the project is completed.

**Economics Education and Research Consortium, Inc.**

\$72,144

Kyiv, Ukraine

10/1/2008 - 11/30/2009

The grantee, through the creation of the Belarusian Economic Research and Outreach Center (BEROC), contributed to the capacity building of independent think-tanks in Belarus. BEROC serves as an institution which creates and exchanges knowledge related to the Belarusian economy and provides high quality policy research. The center generates policy-relevant knowledge about the Belarusian economy and disseminates information about the Belarusian economy among academics, scholars, students and decision makers inside and outside of Belarus. This information is intended to be used by teachers and policy makers. The center is registered as a Ukrainian organization, with plans to create a branch in Minsk, Belarus.

## **"Euroregion Karpaty - Ukraine"**

### **Association of Local Self-Government Bodies**

\$29,813

Lviv, Ukraine

12/8/2009 - 10/15/2010

The grantee worked to stimulate solutions to energy-related challenges in the five pilot districts of Stryi, Sambir, Drohobych, Skole, Dolyna, and Velykyi Bereznyi. The grantee audited energy resources, including water, wind, solar, geothermal, and biomass energy, in the pilot districts, and assessed the viability of their use for local municipal buildings. Based on these reports, the grantee drafted a program for the Lviv oblast to increase energy efficiency in its mountainous districts, and recommended new projects, including the installation of energy-saving equipment in municipal buildings. The grantee and its partners will continue to lobby for the adoption of the program after the project has been completed. The grantee also launched an informational campaign, and trained 130 municipal employees on energy-saving and renewable energy opportunities in their communities. Two brochures were also published. Two pilot projects focused on the use of solar power in the pilot districts, with co-funding from the local treasury. The central district hospital in Skole and a public hospice in Mizhynets received solar panels to generate hot water, and according to project experts, estimated savings could be as high as 30%. At the final conference conducted as part of the project, the grantee presented the project results and discussed future plans with local governments and NGOs from the partnering district. The project was additionally supported by the Telenor Group and the Embassy of Finland in Ukraine.

### **European Integration and Regional Development Agency**

\$24,984

Lviv, Ukraine

11/16/2009 - 7/18/2010

The grantee, in partnership with the local TV station Mist, produced a series of seven TV programs and live discussions that aired on the local Channel 5. In addition, four of these programs were aired on the national Channel 5. The grantee organized five seminars for 161 representatives of the regional government and nearby municipalities. The grantee also prepared five newspaper publications and published a manual called, "Your Warm Home," which was distributed through banks and credit unions providing loans for energy-saving work, as well as among the participants of the seminars and those who applied for consulting support. This information campaign stressed the importance of energy conservation, highlighted existing technology, and provided examples of effective energy-saving measures. The project was additionally supported by the Lviv Oblast State Administration.

### **Foundation for Mykolaiv City Development**

\$12,976

Mykolaiv, Ukraine

7/15/2009 - 8/31/2010

The grantee mobilized 31 members of the Mykolayiv-based Pochyn NGO coalition to research existing practices on the informational openness of the city government, and assisted the city in developing transparent procedures for the provision of administrative services to citizens. The grantee brought seven local policy makers on a study tour to a Kyiv-based think-tank and visited the cities of Boryspil and Vinnytsia to learn best practices. A newly formed working group developed a full list of 310 administrative services provided in Mykolaiv by the city government. By the end of the project, 237 procedures were designed to streamline their provisions. In all, 71 city government, NGO, and media representatives participated in press clubs, two open meetings of the city working group, and a final project conference. Interest in the project resulted in 38 online and print media articles, and seven TV news reports. The grantee initiated the development of four local regulatory acts. The grantee also lobbied for a city program that earmarks funding for the modernization of the city's official website. It requires all municipal services procedures to be placed online in the third quarter of 2010, with \$2,500 allocated from the city budget to do so.

**Harmony, Vinnytsia City Non-Profit Organization of Youth with Disabilities** \$10,818  
Vinnytsia, Ukraine 7/15/2010 - 4/15/2011

The grantee implemented a project aimed at creating an accessible public environment for people with disabilities, by enhancing the lobbying capacity of local accessibility committees in the Vinnytsia oblast. The grantee analyzed the accessibility of social infrastructures and facilities in five regions of the oblast, and developed recommendations for improving these facilities. The grantee also organized training seminars for 96 new members of local district administrations and 121 design and architecture students. The grantee developed and disseminated informational materials, including 1,000 copies of booklets and 500 copies of guides, for accessibility committee members. The grantee held three meetings of the Municipal Accessibility Committee, presented monitoring results, and proposed the format of the city program entitled Vinnytsia - A City Accessible to Everyone. The Vinnytsia Oblast Accessibility Committee also resumed functioning held meetings. Finally, the grantee successfully lobbied for the program in the Vinnytsia City Council.

**Historic - Archaeological Charitable Foundation "Millennium Heritage"** \$14,777  
Simferopol, Ukraine 9/7/2009 - 12/31/2010

The grantee established a center to develop archeology tourism in the region, compiled an electronic database of archeological sites, and designed a website on archeological tourism in Crimea ([www.archeoturizm.com](http://www.archeoturizm.com)). The grantee conducted research, developed suggestions for 22 tourist routes for travel agencies, published eight brochures on monuments and routes, advised travel agencies on broadening their services, and trained 49 tour guides to lead archeology excursions. The grantee also mobilized students, travel agents, tourists and local residents to clean and improve areas around important historical monuments. The project has drawn wide coverage from the local media, resulting in 57 electronic and print media stories. The project has also helped build support for bringing the region's archeological heritage to the forefront of the local tourism industry, thereby widening the spectrum of tourism services in the region and improving the condition of historic sites.

**Ivano-Frankivsk Territorial Organization of Ukrainian Blind Association** \$12,484  
Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine 10/12/2009 - 2/26/2010

The grantee equipped an audio book library with 1,059 audio books and 53 MP3 players, and created a reading room for people with visual impairments. In the first month after the library opened, 50 people were provided with free computer training free of charge, and the grantee increased the number of readers by 50%. In order to draw attention to the newly created reading room, the grantee organized a promotional campaign and held an official opening ceremony for the library. The project is supported by the Telenor Group in Ukraine, as part of its program World Without Barriers: Equal Access for People with Special Needs.

**Local Self-Government Development Support Association** \$10,640  
Lugansk, Ukraine 5/17/2010 - 5/17/2011

The grantee combined the efforts of NGOs, businesses, and municipal administration in the city of Luhansk to introduce local investment regulations reform. The grantee partnered with the Luhansk City Council to draft and lobby for two documents aimed at improving investment competition regulations in the community and to ensure community interests. The grantee discussed the draft document with stakeholder groups and presented the findings at community information sessions and a press conference. Additionally, the grantee organized five training seminars for 88 competition participants, and published 500 guide books for investors. Overall, 245 representatives of various sectors participated in these activities, and the city council adopted two regulation acts. The grantee

worked with local government to electronically publish investment information on the city's official website (<http://gorod.lugansk.ua/investments/>). The project received significant media coverage, with 20 articles published in local print and online media.

**Lypovodolyna Cossack Regiment**

\$13,712

Lupova Dolyna, Ukraine

12/1/2009 - 5/31/2010

The grantee founded a community center at the local government offices for the elderly and people with special needs in the Lypova and Dolyna oblasts. The grantee made repairs to the premises of the newly established community center, purchased furniture and equipment, and identified activities that would be popular among clients of the center. The grantee also introduced internet service at the community center. As a result of the project, 80 people visited the center's nine hobby groups, including one screening movies, with others featuring singing, knitting, tourism, history, and computers. In all, 53 medical services and 40 psychological counseling services were provided through the project. The local media highlighted the center's activities in eight different articles that appeared in local media. The program was part of the Community Centers for People in Need program, and was supported by the Telenor Group in Ukraine.

**"Nadia" Drohobych Voluntary Society  
for Protection of Children with Disabilities**

\$3,731

Drohobych, Ukraine

12/22/2009 - 7/7/2010

The grantee created a resource center that provides services to increase the educational potential and employment skills of young people living with special needs. A database of 28 job placements and 17 educational institutions was also created, and more than 60 beneficiaries were supported by the center. The grantee organized 12 training sessions for 58 people, with information on how to conduct a job search, employee rights for people living with disabilities, and adaptation and integration. It further provided more than 43 consultations on legal and psychological issues for young people living with special needs. A total of 20 computer classes were provided for youth living with disabilities, and the grantee also held an informational campaign, creating a booklet, articles, and TV broadcasts. In addition, the grantee engaged the public and authorities at the raion level by organizing a roundtable, a job fair and a press conference. The grantee found employment for 11 young people and motivated seven young people to pursue further professional education. The project is a part of the program Everyone Has the Right to Work.

**Nedryhayliv Raion Civic Organization of Invalids**

\$10,888

Nedryghayliv, Ukraine

12/1/2009 - 5/31/2010

The grantee founded a community center for the elderly and people with special needs at the local government office in Nedryghailiv. The grantee made repairs to the community center, purchased furniture and equipment, and identified hobby groups that would be popular among potential visitors to the center. As a result of the project, 158 people now visit the seven hobby groups established at the center, including film screenings, knitting, chess and checkers club, a choir group, and computer classes. 21 seniors also actively participate in sporting activities hosted at the center. The grantee also introduced internet service at the community center. Local media published two articles on center activities. As part of the Community Centers for People in Need program, the project was additionally supported by the Telenor Group in Ukraine.

**New Horizons Association**

\$9,113

Drohobych, Ukraine

7/15/2009 - 7/15/2010

The grantee launched a project to assist the local government in designing an efficient process for public policy development that would improve the regulatory framework for the communication process between government and community stakeholders, and increase participation of local civil society organizations. The grantee formed a working group in Drohobych consisting of ten experts that drafted two regulatory acts on local initiatives in Drohobych and on informing citizens. 83 NGO representatives from the city and district participated in a seminar and two trainings that increased their understanding of how to influence public policy development. The grantee organized various public events, including a roundtable and two press conferences to inform the public of its activities, plus advocated for increased public participation during public hearings at Drohobych City Council. 10 inserts in the grantee's monthly newspaper, Novi Horyzonty, six, ten-minute radio programs, two broadcasts on the local TV channel and eight articles in print and online informed the community in detail about the project. The grantee also published 1,000 copies of two brochures containing the draft regulatory acts and distributed them to various local stakeholders.

**NGO "Face to Face"**

\$13,285

Odessa, Ukraine

6/1/2010 - 5/15/2011

The grantee increased the quality and transparency of apartment building services via local oversight mechanisms in the city of Odessa. The grantee researched apartment building maintenance systems and produced a brochure with findings and recommendations. The grantees organized a roundtable with 33 local stakeholders, and held four seminars for 65 condominium and neighborhood association representatives. Seminar participants discussed the mechanisms of public control over the quality of maintenance services in their buildings and in surrounding areas. The grantee additionally provided 86 individual consultations, and developed a project website (<http://samoorg.com.ua/?cat=43>). The grantee promoted the project by creating five issues of a local newsletter called "Neighborhood News," and 1,300 informational brochures. The project received widespread public attention, with 63 articles in print and online media, and 13 TV and radio news stories. The grantee ultimately drafted two local regulatory acts on public control over services and brought the draft documents to the attention of the Odessa City Council and the Odessa oblast Council. To develop interest in the issue, the grantee also completed a citywide competition for the best neighborhood community and held a follow-up press conference. The grantees expect that the city and oblast councils will pass the draft regulatory acts, and will assist organized residents' groups to exercise public control over the services they receive.

**"Perspectyva Stryishchyny" Regional Development Agency**

\$11,550

Stryi, Ukraine

12/8/2009 - 10/6/2010

The grantee united the efforts of local governments, experts, and community activists, to promote renewable energy sources through the creation of an open and informal network. These groups regularly discussed challenges and opportunities related to energy efficiency and renewable energy sources in Morshyn and in the surrounding Stryi district. As part of the project, an Energy Manager position was established at the Morshyn City Council, and the person selected for this position participated in a two-week training seminar on energy management and auditing. Three pilot projects were developed aimed at introducing solar and wind power, and a system for measuring energy efficiency in municipal buildings, including the installation of a solar panel for water heating at the Sonechko kindergarten. The grantee provided training seminars and ran an energy conservation informational campaign, which resulted in numerous newspaper and internet articles and TV spots. A seminar on energy efficiency measures that can be used by households was

conducted for 88 students and teachers, and a final conference was held. The project, additionally supported by Telenor Group in Ukraine and the Embassy of Finland in Ukraine, helped to increase awareness and demand for more efficient energy use.

**Podolian Human Rights Center**

\$10,900

Vinnytsia, Ukraine

7/15/2009 - 8/23/2010

The grantee surveyed drivers and passengers to research the level of both groups' satisfaction in transportation services. The survey results were presented to a focus group, while other related issues were discussed in detail by 11 focus group attendees. The working group was formed to develop recommendations for authorities acceptable to all groups. The recommendations were presented to the 67 participants during public events, including roundtables and public discussions, and their feedback was elicited. Eleven NGOs united their efforts in cooperating with the grantee to solve the problem. The grantee published an informational leaflet and a brochure of 1,800 copies informing passengers about the project goals and activities. Over 400 passengers signed a petition requesting the government find a solution to the problem. In addition, the grantee provided legal consultations to 85 passengers who suffered due to the drivers' unethical behavior or from the poor quality of transportation services. The grantee submitted recommendations and draft regulations to the oblast state administration, to Ukraine's Transportation and Communications Ministry, and to the Labor and Social Policy Ministry.

**Pravo Vyboru Kharkiv Center for Young Disabled Rehabilitation**

\$28,149

Kharkiv, Ukraine

2/2/2009 - 6/30/2010

The grantee addressed the issue of segregation of children with disabilities, by establishing the Tolerance School Integration Center in the Kharkiv oblast. In order to open the center, the grantee renovated the premises, installed special equipment, and recruited staff. The center opened in March 2010, and now provides various physical and psychological rehabilitation/stimulation services for children living with disabilities, and organizes joint events and activities for children of all ages, such as an arts festival, concerts, exhibitions, and six lessons of tolerance that were organized in Kharkiv oblast schools during the grant period. 25 volunteers now work in the center and greater acceptance of people living with disabilities has been promoted among the local population. The project was additionally supported by Philip Morris Ukraine.

**Private Initiative Development Agency NGO**

\$12,331

Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine

5/17/2010 - 5/31/2011

The grantee increased the quality of administrative services provided in Ivano-Frankivsk and ensured their accessibility to people living with disabilities. The grantee researched existing administrative services and obtained feedback from beneficiaries, including those who live with disabilities. The grantee formed a working group consisting of nine representatives from the city's executive committee, NGOs, and independent experts, in order to develop service center provisions. The grantee developed instructions on 78 of the 113 services provided at the service center based on the research conducted by the focus group. The executive committee of the city council and the mayor approved the instructions developed by the grantee. The instructions were published in the printed directory, placed online ([www.mvk.if.ua/cnap](http://www.mvk.if.ua/cnap)) and in information kiosks installed at the center accessible to people with disabilities. The grantee published and disseminated 1,000 booklets about the center and its services. The grantee also developed a methodology for monitoring the quality of services, which was approved by the city mayor. The grantee presented the project outcomes to the community during a roundtable and press conference of 45 government, NGO, community, and journalism representatives. The project received significant attention in

online and print media. The grantee will continue to develop instructions for the remaining services provided by the municipality, and will share its experiences with other towns both within and outside the oblast. The grantee will additionally assist the Ivano-Frankivsk City Council in monitoring the quality of services provided by the municipality.

**Public Organization "ECO-Environment"**

\$8,516

Zhydachiv, Ukraine

5/17/2010 - 5/1/2011

The grantee promoted the creation of an ecological network around the city of Zhydachiv, documented the prerequisites for the establishment of a nature reserve within this network, and submitted an application to local government officials. The Lviv oblast branch of the State Department for Environment Protection approved the project and forwarded its application for final approval by the Zhydachiv City Council and the Lviv Oblast Council. In an April 2011 session, the Zhydachiv City Council approved the nature preserve. The grantees organized a walking route around Zhydachiv, demonstration class, and experimental area at the city Ecological Information and Education Center. The grantee mobilized local community participation in tree-planting events, which resulted in ten hectares of new green zones in and around the city. The grantee will continue lobbying for the improvement of the nature preserve by the oblast council, which included the preserve on its agenda for the July 2011 session.

**Pustomyty Raion Association of People with Disabilities**

\$13,946

Pustomyty, Ukraine

10/15/2008 - 3/31/2009

The grantee organized professional training for 40 people in four different work-related areas of sewing, floral design, hairdressing, and computer literacy. The grantee established a consultation center for people with disabilities seeking advice on employment issues, and provided more than 100 consultations. 15 people who completed training on entrepreneurship also organized with the District Employment Center. As a result of ongoing consultations with local businesses, six people with disabilities found employment. The project was additionally supported the Telenor Group in Ukraine.

**Pyriatyn Raion Organization of Veterans**

\$12,519

Pyriatyn, Ukraine

12/1/2009 - 5/31/2010

The grantee founded a community center at the municipal territorial center for the elderly and people with special needs in Pyriatyn. The grantee conducted repairs on the premises of the newly established community center, purchased furniture and equipment, and identified hobbies that would be popular among clients. The grantee also introduced a computer literacy group. As a result of the project, 216 people participated in the center's eight activities, including movie screenings, singing, knitting, press club, chess and checkers club, computer literacy training, a library, and a photo/video club. The clients also have access to legal and medical assistance. The local media highlighted the grantee's activities in four articles and one TV news feature. The program was part of the Community Centers for People in Need program, and was additionally supported by the Telenor Group in Ukraine.

**Regional Tourists' Information Center**

\$10,976

Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine

10/12/2009 - 6/15/2010

The grantee initiated a project aimed at accessibility of recreation and tourism for people with special needs in the oblast. The grantee assessed the current accessibility of the tourism infrastructure and services in the oblast for people with special needs, and provided the heads of museums, hotels, and representatives of the local authorities with a 65-page report containing

recommendations for facility improvement. The grantee then chose three museums from Bolehiv Rohatyn and Halych, and made them accessible by constructing three ramps and two entranceways. Additionally, the grantee created a separate section on its website devoted to the accessibility of tourism infrastructure and published the results of its survey online. A broad promotional campaign resulted in 65 articles appearing online and two news spots on local TV. The project is supported by the Telenor Group in Ukraine, as part of its program World Without Barriers: Equal Access for People with Special Needs.

**Repyk Region Economic and Social Development Support Center**

\$6,749

Repyk, Ukraine

6/1/2010 - 12/15/2010

The grantee addressed the problem of economic development in Repyk district by coordinating local community, business, and government efforts to formulate the Strategic Plan for Social and Economic Development of the Repyk District. The grantee polled residents in various district communities, created a task force to develop the plan, and organized channels of communication between the task force and citizens. 154 citizens participated in a workshop, roundtable, and four public discussions of the plan. The outline of the development plan was covered in seven print media, two online articles, and on the local government website. As a result of the project, in October 2010 the Repyk District Council adopted the Strategic Plan for Social and Economic Development, which was published in a brochure and on a CD in Ukrainian and English, as well as placed on the official government website. The grantee became a member of the public council at the Repyk District Council, thereby providing a forum to lobby for the plan's implementation.

**Tamarisk - Center for Support of Public and Cultural Initiatives**

\$11,498

Dnipropetrovsk, Ukraine

7/15/2010 - 5/31/2011

The grantee developed a funding mechanism for NGOs in the city of Dnipropetrovsk's budget through local social project competitions. The grantee used the experiences of other Ukrainian cities, and partnered with the Public Institute of Social Technologies in Odesa. The grantee formed a cross-sector working group of NGOs, city council members, and representatives from the Ukrainian Academy of Public Administration in order to develop competition regulatory documents. Representatives of 21 local community service organizations formed a coalition to develop local regulatory acts. The grantee organized roundtables, press conferences, study tours to Odesa, and seminars to seek public feedback on the draft documents. The grantee gathered 172 NGO and government officials, launched a page on the website ([www.cso.dp.ua](http://www.cso.dp.ua)) to discuss draft documents, and produced a desk calendar to promote the project. The project received wide coverage in local print and online media, with 16 articles published in newspapers and on the website. The grantee drafted and submitted the regulatory document, "On Introducing Social Order Mechanisms in Dnipropetrovsk" to the city council. The council approved the document, and on July 29, 2011, the Dnipropetrovsk City Council voted in favor of the developed mechanism, and introduced the mechanism of social order into the city legislation.

**Ternopil Association of Consumer**

\$10,296

Ternopil, Ukraine

3/2/2009 - 11/15/2009

The grantee attended a two-day training seminar in Kyiv, where the Institute of Civil Society and the Ministry of Regional Development and Construction informed them of government plans to launch administrative territorial reform, and trained them on project methodology. The grantee signed a memorandum of understanding with the Ternopil Oblast State Administration regarding project implementation, and formed an independent expert group that researched the history of the administrative territorial structure of the region, the demographics, and economic prospects of four



districts in the oblast. More than 130 representatives of local governments, NGOs, and the community discussed recommendations and provided feedback. The grantee trained six local journalists in aspects of administrative territorial reform, and printed nine articles in local newspapers. The grantee also published two brochures on the history of the administrative territorial structure in the region, with project recommendations for district and ministry representatives. The grantee discussed inefficient public transport, medical and social care, and education, with district administrators to make local public policy planning more effective.

### **"Ternopil Orphans' Union"**

#### **Ternopil Municipal Public Youth Organization**

\$5,769

Ternopil, Ukraine

8/16/2010 - 2/15/2011

The grantee, together with the Ternopil Oblast Center for Social Services for Family, developed training materials for two training modules based on the existing state curriculum for foster parents. The program was piloted during a three-day training session for foster parents. Ten parents improved their knowledge of how to safeguard the housing and property rights of orphans, and assist in adapting to foster family transitions. The grantee also developed guideline booklets for parents and created a specialized resource library. Grantees also held an informational campaign, which included the publication of five press articles and two radio programs. The State Social Service for Family, Children, and Youth has developed two training modules and approved them to be used as additional materials in the state's program. The guidelines for parents are being reviewed by the State Social Service for Family, Children and Youth, and recommended for implementation across Ukraine. This project is additionally supported by UNITER, which is funded by USAID through PACT, Inc. in partnership with the International Renaissance Foundation.

### **Trostianechchyna Union of Entrepreneurs**

\$9,974

Trostianets, Ukraine

3/2/2009 - 12/1/2009

The grantee attended a two-day training seminar in Kyiv, where EEF's national partner, the Institute of Civil Society, together with the Ministry of Regional Development and Construction, informed them of the government's intention to launch administrative territorial reform, and trained them in project methodology. The grantee then signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Sumy Oblast State Administration on project implementation, and formed an independent expert group that has researched the history of the administrative territorial structure of the oblast, the demographics and economic prospects of four districts of the oblast. The grantee developed recommendations on approaches to reform in these districts with the public. More than 200 representatives of local governments, NGOs, and the community discussed the expert recommendations and provided their feedback. Ten articles were printed in local media, and two TV programs were broadcast on local TV. A special edition of the magazine Political Expert was published and distributed to district and Ministry representatives. The grantee formed a local coalition of NGOs to support administrative territorial reform in the region. The grantee discussed inefficient public transport, medical and social care, and education to make local public policy planning more effective with district administrators.

### **"Voice of Community" Trostyanets District Public Organization**

\$13,987

Trostyanets, Ukraine

7/15/2009 - 6/15/2010

The grantee equipped a TV studio in Trostyanets and launched an internet media portal ([www.trostyanets.tv](http://www.trostyanets.tv)) to function as an online TV station, informing residents about local news, the activities of local government, and initiating community debates on various issues. The TV studio produced 182 online broadcasts, including 26 interviews with local policy makers and four debates

that were viewed more than 30,000 times. A total of 21 students and interns participated in two training sessions on public media. The grantee trained nine interns in interviewing public officials, and the town mayor even provided feedback to participants during a media workshop. In all, 168 representatives of local governments, NGOs and journalists participated in various project events. In addition, the grantee launched and licensed a print media bulletin called, "You Have to Know!" and published seven issues of it with a circulation of 500 each. The grantee monitored election programs of various political parties and deputy factions in the town of Trostyanets, and produced print and online reports, including 18 articles. In addition to the online TV station, the grantee managed to register, license, and launch a local cable TV channel.

**Young Disabled Persons Public Organization "Rehabilitation Center"** \$10,729  
 Feodosia, Ukraine 7/15/2009 - 8/10/2010

The grantee implemented an advocacy campaign to represent the interests of more than 7,000 disabled persons in the city of Feodosia, where the target group has faced physical challenges in communicating with local authorities, and medical and social institutions. The grantee launched an informational campaign to discuss issues of accessibility for people living with disabilities, which included ten bulletins and five leaflets, 15 print and online publications, five locally broadcasted TV programs, and a 20-minute film. A total of 20 local NGO representatives attended a five-day training program on practical management issues for non-profits to increase their organizational capacity. The grantee also organized public hearings, a roundtable and a final conference in which 171 NGO, government, media, and other stakeholders participated. In addition, the grantee provided 122 individual consultations to local citizens. The Committee on Equal Access at Feodosia City Council was formed as a result and its members now periodically meet to solve local issues. In addition, the grantee produced 1,000 brochures that analyzed the accessibility of city infrastructure and made recommendations to the city government. The city expanded accessibility to two town beaches in August 2010, while additional reconstruction work is planned to make the city hall building more accessible. In addition, the grantee initiated a follow-up project to be funded by UNITER, that will expand current efforts and expertise to other districts of Crimea.

**Youth Center of the Regional Development, Bilozerka Region Branch** \$8,036  
 Bilozerka, Ukraine 7/15/2010 - 4/15/2011

The grantee increased youth participation in community decision-making processes in the district of Bilozersky. The grantee organized a community action school for the youth in 10 villages, and ran five training seminars on local project planning, partnership building, fundraising, project management, and leadership skills. 17 school participants implemented projects in their communities by utilizing the skills they learned in the community school. The grantee established the Youth Initiatives of Bilozerka District network, and created the organization's website ([www.bilozerkamoloda.org.ua](http://www.bilozerkamoloda.org.ua)). The grantee additionally engaged the public and authorities in a discussion of youth issues by organizing roundtables and publishing newsletters. Members of the youth council attached to the head of the district state administration and the Youth Initiatives of Bilozerka District network actively participated in the decision-making process. As a result, the District Program of Youth and Family Support for 2011-2015 was adopted. This project is supported by UNITER, which is funded by USAID through PACT, Inc. in partnership with the International Renaissance Foundation.

**APPENDIX C: GRANTS USING USG FUNDS**  
OCTOBER 1, 2011 – MARCH 31, 2012



## Appendix C

### Grants made by the EF Network from US Government Funds

October 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012

#### Belarus

##### **Riga Business School of RTU**

\$310,122

Belarus

2/01/2011 - 3/31/2012

The grantee will introduce an international standard Master of Business Administration (MBA) program in English at the School of Business and Management Technologies (SBMT) at Belarusian State University, in order to remedy a shortfall of managers with skills to operate in an international business environment. The grantee will develop an internationally accredited Center of Excellence in Management Education. The grantee will also enhance and institutionally strengthen the capacity of the school's English Language Center, an academically oriented professional center that provides students with English as a Foreign Language instruction for those students hoping to apply to the MBA program at SBMT. The grantee will prepare Belarusian MBA faculty to undertake instructional duties, and to maintain the academic and procedural standards established by partner institutions. The project will also develop appropriate institutional support infrastructure to deliver western-standard academic programs, including financial management, quality assurance, and information services systems.

##### **School of Business and Management of Technologies**

\$182,669

Belarus

2/01/2011 - 3/31/2012

The grantee will introduce a western-style Master of Business Administration (MBA) program in English at the School of Business and Management Technologies (SBMT) at Belarusian State University, in order to remedy a shortfall of managers with skills to operate in an international business environment. The grantee will develop an internationally-accredited Center of Excellence in Management Education. The grantee will also enhance and institutionally strengthen the capacity of the school's English Language Center, an academically oriented professional center that provides students with English as a Foreign Language instruction for those students hoping to apply to the MBA program at SBMT. The grantee will prepare Belarusian MBA faculty to undertake instructional duties, and to maintain the academic and procedural standards established by partner institutions. The project will also develop appropriate institutional support infrastructure to deliver western-style academic programs, including financial management, quality assurance, and information services systems.

#### Kazakhstan

##### **"International Center of Journalism "MediaNet" PF**

\$67,000

Almaty, Kazakhstan

3/07/2011 - 12/07/2012

The grantee will prepare a core group of young journalists in Kazakhstan, dedicated to Western reporting standards. The grantee will establish one media school in Kazakhstan, where 36 youth will

be trained in Western standards of journalism. The grantee will create a website in the Russian and Kazakh languages (<http://kloop.kz/>), where 180 news articles and other edited material will be published annually. In addition, six students will be offered the opportunity to pursue internships in the mainstream media. Project goals include training young journalists in Western reporting standards, and utilizing websites to help raise journalism standards in Kazakhstan, by providing an outlet for up-and-coming journalists.

## **Moldova**

### **AO "CONSULT NORD"**

\$14,583.00

Moldova

11/08/11 - 4/07/12

East Europe Foundation is proud to announce a project aimed at involving young people in volunteer activities to improve the quality of life for the citizens of Pelina. 15 young people from the community will be trained in fundraising and a fundraising campaign will be organized in order to collect money to purchase the necessary equipment to create a park zone in the village. 220 young volunteers from the community will be involved in the project. An awareness campaign be carried out in order to change the attitudes and behaviors of the general public in terms of environmental protection. The project aims to empower youth to address local problems and involve other citizens in their initiatives. The project is funded by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor (DRL) through Eurasia Foundation (Washington).

### **AO "INDIGO"**

\$12,756.00

Moldova

11/08/11 - 6/07/12

East Europe Foundation is proud to announce a project promoting a healthy lifestyle and access to quality education among young people in Cosnita, Pirita and Dorotcaia villages, Dubasari district. The members of the organization will implement a campaign in Cosnita high school (which hosts also pupils from neighboring villages) to stress the importance of a healthy life style. As part of the campaign, the school gym will be renovated. The project will be realized in partnership with the Local Public Administration and Local Youth Council and will lead to a sustainable mechanism of cooperation between LPA and the youth sector. The project is funded by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor (DRL) through Eurasia Foundation (Washington).

### **AO "PRO-MED"**

\$10,390.00

Moldova

11/08/11 - 7/07/12

East Europe Foundation is proud to announce a project to improve the situation of young people from Ungheni district using a series of social and information activities. A group of volunteers will implement activities to promote a healthy lifestyle among their peers from the district and will organize a social theatre festival, thematic disco-parties, karaoke nights, academic contests, round tables, etc. All the activities will be implemented in partnership with regional youth centers, local youth councils and the Local Public Administration in order to establish sustainable cooperation between project beneficiaries and these institutions. The project will offer the opportunity for young people to actively interact with their peers and make positive changes together, thus building on their further motivation to participate in public and civic life. The project is funded by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor (DRL) through Eurasia Foundation (Washington).

**Asociatia Culturala Bulgara "Rodoliubet"**

\$14,607.00

Moldova

11/08/11 - 5/07/11

East Europe Foundation is proud to announce a project that will contribute to youth sector development in the Slobozia district of the Transnistria region by creating a Youth Center in the Parcani village. The grantee is an active regional youth organization that succeeded in organizing different regional and local youth activities despite the difficult situation in Transnistria. The youth center will facilitate the implementation of other organization's projects and activities and will set the basis of effective youth participation and democratization of the region. The establishment of the youth center will be carried out with the active involvement of youth volunteers, starting with fundraising and ending with having an operational youth center. The project is funded by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor (DRL) through Eurasia Foundation (Washington).

**AO "Stimul"**

\$8,701.00

Moldova

11/08/11 - 7/07/12

East Europe Foundation is proud to announce a project to promote a group of 20 volunteers, including vulnerable youth, working together to renovate the Youth Center in Ocnita. Young people from different socio-economic levels will work together and it is expected that vulnerable youth will be positively influenced by their peers. Besides fundraising activities, a series of integration activities will be carried out by professionals in order to bring children and parents from vulnerable families closer. The project is funded by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor (DRL) through Eurasia Foundation (Washington).

**Agentia Pentru Sustinerea Invatamantului Juridic  
si a Organelor de Drept "Ex Lege"**

\$30,957

Moldova

3/01/2011 - 8/31/2011

East Europe Foundation - Moldova is proud to announce a project designed to increase citizen trust in election results, and ensure the legitimacy of elected public authorities through the reduction of the number of judicial errors and deficiencies in the administration of electoral cases. The grantee will develop a study of previous judicial court decisions on electoral matters, and will identify potential legal drawbacks caused by the inadequate application of legal provisions. The project will train judges, election administration officials, civil society leaders, and political party representatives on adequate election legislation enforcement. The project is additionally supported by Sida and DANIDA.

**Alianta Centrelor Comunitare de Acces  
la Informatie si Instruire din Republica Moldova**

\$33,222.99

Moldova

10/25/2010 - 2/24/2011

East Europe Foundation - Moldova is proud to announce a project designed to increase youth participation in the social and political life of the country, through the use of participatory democracy models. Through a network of 33 trained coordinators and over 300 volunteers, the grantee will organize political debates for youth in 33 communities throughout the country, with the participation of all political parties. The grantee will develop and widely disseminate voter mobilization materials, stimulate the interest of youth in elections by conducting simulations of the elections, and widely disseminate the results of this democratic exercise. The project is additionally supported by Sida, DANIDA, and the National Endowment for Democracy.

**AO "ADR-Centru"**

\$21,792.88

Orhei, Moldova

10/25/2010 - 12/24/2010

East Europe Foundation - Moldova is proud to announce a project designed to increase informed voter participation in the 2010 early parliamentary elections. The grantee will conduct a civic education campaign targeting young voters ages 18 to 30 from the Orhei region through door-to-door activities, distribution of leaflets describing the voting procedures, and contests for first time voters. In addition, the project will organize mobile teams of volunteers who will distribute motivational materials and explain to potential voters the importance of participation in elections. The project will give citizens access to impartial information on election issues, and will encourage people to participate in the upcoming election process. The initiative is additionally supported by Sida and DANIDA.

**AO "ADR-Centru"**

\$24,997

Zahoreni, Moldova

3/01/2011 - 6/30/2011

East Europe Foundation - Moldova is proud to announce a project designed to improve the quality of life in the Zahoreni village by contributing to the development of local infrastructure through the stimulation of local economic partnerships. In partnership with the Zahoreni mayoralty, Orhei Raional Council, local businesses, and NGOs, the grantee will renovate the Zahoreni Gymnasium by installing 25 new doors and 113 windows. The project will decrease the energy and heating costs supported by local public administration, and will create better studying conditions for approximately 200 students. The project is additionally supported by Sida and DANIDA.

**AO "Alternative Sociale"**

\$10,647

Ungheni, Moldova

11/24/2010 - 9/23/2011

East Europe Foundation - Moldova is proud to announce a project designed to improve the professional skills and the level of social inclusion of young orphans from Ungheni region. The grantee will conduct a specialized training course consisting of five modules for 35 orphans. The grantee will offer opportunities for a group of orphans to study at professional schools in order to learn vocational skills. The grantee will also provide psychological support to selected young orphans and encourage their involvement in social activities. This initiative will lead to better social inclusion for young orphans and increase their possibilities of finding a job. The project is additionally supported by Sida and DANIDA.

**AO "Always Together"**

\$5,695

Bobeica, Moldova

3/01/2011 - 5/31/2011

East Europe Foundation - Moldova is proud to announce a project designed to improve the welfare of Bobeica village inhabitants by contributing to the development of local infrastructure through the stimulation of local economic partnerships. In partnership with the Bobeica mayoralty, local businesses, and community members, the grantee will build a playground for approximately 630 children residing in the locality. In the long-term, an equipped and functioning local kindergarten will allow children greater inclusion into the early education system, and will create opportunities for parental involvement in private sector activities. The project is additionally supported by Sida and DANIDA.

**AO Apa Codrilor**

\$3,787

Moldova

10/25/2010 - 12/24/2010

East Europe Foundation - Moldova is proud to announce a project designed to increase informed voter participation in the 2010 early parliamentary elections. The grantee will conduct a voter



education seminar for about 200 inhabitants of the Vatici, Tabăra and Curchi villages. Over 2,000 leaflets covering information on electoral rights and the importance of participating in the 2010 early parliamentary elections will be disseminated among vulnerable groups from targeted localities. With a group of 15 trained volunteers, the grantee will conduct a voter mobilization in the Vatici village and surrounding areas. The initiative is additionally supported by Sida and DANIDA.

#### **AO "Centrul de Dezbateri Criuleni"**

\$9,997

Criuleni, Moldova

12/08/2010 - 4/07/2011

East Europe Foundation - Moldova is proud to announce a project designed to develop a sustainable mechanism for youth participation in local governance in the district of Criuleni. The project will support the existing Local Youth Councils (LYCs) from Criuleni. The grantee will focus on developing the organizational capacities and assuring the sustainability of LYCs. Around 900 young people will be involved in LYC elections, and 75 of them will be elected as young LYC councilors in Criuleni villages and towns. The grantee will train the young leaders in managing youth activities and will develop a guidebook. The grantee will also train 25 representatives of the Local Public Administration on how to involve youth in local governance. The grantee will also carry out the project in partnership with A Smile, which will share their experiences in the field of youth participation. This project is additionally supported by Sida and DANIDA.

#### **AO Centrul Informational Tighina**

\$21,494

Causeni, Moldova

3/01/2011 - 8/31/2011

East Europe Foundation - Moldova is proud to present a project which will contribute to the development of local waste management in the town of Causeni, through joint actions of local economic partnerships. In partnership with the Causeni mayoralty and the Municipal Sanitation Service, the grantee will produce and install 150 containers for mixed garbage, and 20 containers for plastic waste. The project will lead to better environmental and health conditions in the town, making it more attractive for its inhabitants and visitors, and will contribute to the promotion of best practices for dialogue between civil society, local business, and public administration. The project is additionally supported by Sida, DANIDA, and the Academy of Educational Development.

#### **AO "Clubul Politic al Femeilor - 50/50"**

\$8,818

Moldova

10/28/2010 - 12/27/2010

East Europe Foundation - Moldova is proud to announce a project designed to increase female representation and participation in the early parliamentary elections in Moldova. The grantee will conduct a comprehensive advocacy and monitoring campaign, designed to encourage political parties to respect gender equality principles in the electoral process. The organization will also promote gender dimensions among media and NGOs. After the elections, following a thorough analysis of the party lists, the grantee will provide the Gender Equality Award to the political institutions that best mainstream gender in their platforms, strategies, and party lists. The project is additionally supported by Sida and DANIDA.

#### **AO "CRDD"**

\$22,119

Ungheni, Moldova

3/01/2011 - 5/31/2011

East Europe Foundation - Moldova is proud to present a project designed to improve the quality of life in the town of Ungheni, by contributing to the development of local infrastructure through the stimulation of local economic partnerships. In partnership with the local public administration, local businesses, municipal utility services, and local residents, the grantee will improve the recreation and leisure infrastructure of four residential buildings in Ungheni. The project will enhance the

cooperation between business actors, local administration, and civil society, creating the necessary preconditions for further development of community infrastructure. The project is additionally supported by Sida and DANIDA.

**AO "Femeia Moderna"**

\$2,923

Moldova

10/28/2010 - 12/27/2010

East Europe Foundation - Moldova is proud to announce a project designed to increase participation of women from the Orhei district in the 2010 early parliamentary elections. The grantee will train a group of 150 women in electoral rights, and broadcast thematic radio shows at the local level. Through a group of active volunteers, the grantee will disseminate voter mobilization materials among the most vulnerable women from Orhei district. The initiative is additionally supported by Sida and DANIDA.

**AO "Flacara-Gaz"**

\$6,410

Baraboi, Moldova

3/01/2011 - 5/31/2011

East Europe Foundation - Moldova is proud to announce a new project designed to improve the quality of life in the Baraboi village, by contributing to the development of local infrastructure through local economic partnerships. In partnership with the Baraboi mayoralty and local business, the grantee will supervise the insulation of a kindergarten in the village of Baraboi. The use of the new technology Aktivtherm will help improve the health of approximately 100 children as well as the overall quality of the early educational process in the community. In the long run, the project will create necessary preconditions for the greater participation of women in the social and economic life of the community. The project is additionally supported by Sida and DANIDA.

**AO "Maetonium"**

\$2,287

Moldova

10/08/2010 - 12/07/2010

East Europe Foundation - Moldova is proud to announce a project designed to increase informed voter participation in the 2010 electoral processes. The grantee will carry out a series of electoral information activities directed towards educating voters in the villages of the Tatarauca Veche commune, in order to increase awareness of the importance of the upcoming elections and the need for active and participatory citizenship. The initiative is additionally supported by Sida and the National Endowment for Democracy.

**AO "Ochiul Infinitului"**

\$3,997.39

Moldova

10/28/2010 - 12/27/2010

East Europe Foundation - Moldova is proud to announce a project designed to increase informed voter participation in the 2010 early parliamentary elections. The grantee will recruit and train a group of 25 volunteers on voter information and mobilization techniques. The project will produce innovative information materials, which will be distributed to voters' mailboxes and disseminated through a door-to-door campaign in the Telenesti district. In addition, the project will foster the participation of people with disabilities in the electoral process. As a result of the project, eligible voters will be more likely to make deliberate and free choices during the elections. The initiative is additionally supported by Sida and DANIDA.

**AO Parteneriate Pentru Fiecare Copil**

\$37,415

Cahul, Moldova

11/24/2010 - 11/23/2011

East Europe Foundation - Moldova is proud to announce a project designed to provide young graduates of the Cahul Orphanage with increased chances for their integration into further

educational opportunities, the labor market, and the community. The grantee will help the orphaned young people develop the necessary skills to live independently and provide further vocational education opportunities. The grantee will share project experiences with Tiraspol city administration by hosting a group of seven practitioners from the Transnistrian region in Cahul. The project will promote the good practices achieved by this initiative at the national level by incorporating them into a draft public policy aimed at supporting orphaned youth and youths without parental care. This initiative will increase the level of confidence among orphans and will contribute to their social inclusion in the community. The project is additionally supported by Sida and DANIDA.

#### **AO "Soarta"**

\$9,804

Soroca and Floresti, Moldova

10/25/2010 - 12/24/2010

East Europe Foundation - Moldova is proud to announce a project designed to activate citizen participation in the 2010 early parliamentary elections. The grantee will conduct a broad civic education campaign among women in the Soroca and Floresti districts, by training a group of 50 women and 40 men to encourage participation in the political process at the local, regional, and national levels. The program will lead to increased awareness among citizens about the importance of active participation in the political process and an understanding of the qualities of free, fair, and democratic elections. This project is additionally supported by Sida and DANIDA.

#### **AO Verbina**

\$33,789

Moldova

10/22/2010 - 10/21/2011

East Europe Foundation - Moldova is proud to announce a project designed to improve the professional skills and the level of social inclusion of young orphans with disabilities from six boarding schools, including one in Transnistria. The grantee will conduct a specialized training course consisting of three modules for social workers, local public authorities, residential institutions, and relevant NGOs. The grantee will offer opportunities for a group of social workers and specialists from the Ministry of Education to share experiences with EU partners by undertaking a study visit to a German partner organization. The grantee will also organize vocational training courses for disabled young orphans and will provide necessary equipment for six boarding schools. The project is additionally supported by Sida and DANIDA.

#### **APP Oliscani**

\$24,982

Oliscani, Moldova

3/01/2011 - 6/30/2011

East Europe Foundation - Moldova is proud to present a project designed to improve the quality of education in Oliscani village by contributing to the development of local infrastructure through the stimulation of local economic partnerships. In partnership with the local public administration, local businesses, and community members, the grantee will improve and renovate the heating system of the Theoretic Lyceum through the use of alternative energy sources. The project is additionally supported Sida and DANIDA.

#### **Asociatia Pentru Democratie Participativa (ADEPT)**

\$99,997

Moldova

11/01/2010 - 7/31/2012

East Europe Foundation - Moldova is proud to announce a project designed to support meaningful youth participation in decision-making processes. The grantee will conduct a regional Leaders For Change leadership school. The school will be held in four regions, and will involve 160 young leaders from different political party youth wings, NGOs, and the media. The training sessions will be focused on leadership, party building, elections, consensual politics, conflict resolution, and communication. In addition, the grantee will conduct weekly debates on current developments in

Moldova and abroad, and will organize a national conference with project participants.

**Asociatia Pentru Promovarea Clinicilor Juridice din Moldova (APCJM)** \$13,824  
Moldova 12/03/2010 - 1/02/2011

East Europe Foundation - Moldova is proud to announce a project designed to promote free and fair elections in the autonomous territorial unit of Gagauz-Yeri and Moldova through the monitoring and evaluation of the gubernatorial election held on December 12, 2010. The grantee will conduct long-term and short-term monitoring of all polling stations opened in Gagauzia for both the first and second rounds of elections. The initiative is additionally supported by Sida and DANIDA.

**Asociatia "Prietenii Copiilor"** \$9,999  
Moldova 12/09/2010 - 6/08/2011

East Europe Foundation - Moldova is proud to announce a project, which will provide educational entertainment activities for disenfranchised children, such as those hospitalized and placed in residential institutions, thus enhancing their social integration and personal development. The project will train administrators and 20 volunteer animators on managing and carrying out a series of animation activities, based on the Play-Bus methodology. The Play-Bus will visit 11 boarding schools in different areas of Moldova. The grantee will organize animation activities in two children's hospitals. The project will be implemented in partnership with Children's Friends and Social Cooperative Tanaliberatutti. The Play-Bus1 was initiated in Moldova in 2008 and travelled for two years. The Italian partner will support Play-Bus service management and will share their 15 years of experience in the field. This project is additionally supported by Sida and DANIDA.

**Asociatia "Tinerii Pentru Dreptul la Viata" (TDV)** \$10,000  
Moldova 12/09/2010 - 4/08/2011

East Europe Foundation - Moldova is proud to announce a project designed to create and consolidate effective regional partnerships aimed at developing the capacity of Moldovan NGOs in managing and promoting volunteer activities within the framework of the European Year of Volunteering 2011. The project will develop the managerial and policy development capacities of six volunteer coordinators in Moldova, through on-the-job training in Romanian NGOs, and by offering a series of networking visits to Romanian organizations. The knowledge and skills will be used for developing an effective volunteering program in Moldova. An additional 30 volunteers and NGO managers will participate in a workshop on organizing volunteer activities. A regional conference will launch the framework for future regional cooperation during the European Year of Volunteering 2011. The project is complementary to the project Consolidating the Capacities of Local Organizations in Creating and Developing a Volunteering Program, and will be implemented in partnership with the Alaturi de Voi Foundation from Iasi, Romania, and the Black Sea Trust for Regional Cooperation. This project is additionally supported by Sida and DANIDA.

**"Cerere si Oferta" SRL** \$24,277  
Moldova 6/15/2011 - 1/14/2012

East Europe Foundation - Moldova is proud to announce a project designed to elaborate and implement an electronic version of the C&O newspaper ([www.esp.md](http://www.esp.md)), and to modify the print version of the newspaper. The electronic version will provide real-time news coverage, including video and pictures from local events. The print version will conversely provide analytical articles on various events. Both media products will, therefore, be complementary instead of competitors. The grantee will also create a promotional campaign in order to popularize these media products. The

grantee aims to position [www.esp.md](http://www.esp.md) as one of the most important online sources of regional news. The project is additionally supported by Sida and DANIDA

**Centrul de Tineret "Pilgrim-Demo"**

\$6,017

Moldova

12/03/2010 - 1/20/2011

East Europe Foundation - Moldova is proud to announce a project designed to promote free and fair elections in the autonomous territorial unit of Gagauz-Yeri and the Republic of Moldova through the monitoring and evaluation of the gubernatorial election held on December 12, 2010. The grantee will observe and evaluate the election day voting, as well as the pre-electoral processes in terms of their conformity with international electoral standards, and national electoral laws. The initiative is additionally supported by Sida and DANIDA.

**Centrul Parteneriat Pentru Dezvoltare**

\$20,796

Moldova

10/25/2010 - 12/24/2010

East Europe Foundation - Moldova is proud to announce a project designed to mainstream gender equality in the electoral and political process. The grantee will direct political parties, media, and NGOs to be more sensitive towards gender quality in the electoral and political process by actively promoting a shared Public Commitment for Ensuring Gender Equality in the 2010 early parliamentary elections. The grantee will also strengthen the internal capacities of NGOs to mainstream gender equality in their voter electoral projects, monitor and assess the 2010 elections from a gender equality perspective, and raise public awareness about the importance of gender balance in the party lists. The project is additionally supported by Sida, DANIDA, and the National Endowment for Democracy.

**Centrul Pentru Jurnalism Independent (CJI)**

\$24,155

Moldova

10/20/2010 - 10/19/2011

East Europe Foundation - Moldova is proud to announce a project aimed at strengthening the institutional capacity of the public broadcaster Teleradio-Moldova (TRM), and its role as an unbiased moderator of democratic dialogue between public authorities, politicians, NGOs, civil society leaders, the public, and other actors. Based on a thorough needs assessment, the grantee will build the professional skills of TRM employees through comprehensive in-house training and a consultancy program. Additionally, TRM management will participate in a comprehensive TOT program and a study abroad visit. The grantee also envisages technical improvements for the existing TRM websites, which will increase the company's transparency and competitiveness. The grantee will also increase the quality of public broadcasting, offering citizens better information. The project is additionally supported by Sida, DANIDA, the National Endowment for Democracy, and the Embassy of Finland.

**Centrul Pentru Jurnalism Independent (CJI)**

\$18,000

Moldova

10/08/2010 - 12/07/2010

East Europe Foundation - Moldova is proud to announce a project designed to contribute to a more transparent and fair electoral process in Moldova. In partnership with other NGOs, the grantee will conduct a comprehensive monitoring of 26 mass-media institutions, including 16 print media, 10 radio, and 10 TV stations, during the election campaign for the 2010 parliamentary elections. The grantee will inform the public about media behavior during the 2010 early parliamentary elections through periodic reports in order to raise awareness among stakeholders about possible infringements and motivate the media to act in a more balanced and unbiased way. The project is additionally supported by Sida and DANIDA.

**Consiliul National al Tineretului din Moldova**

\$37,633

Moldova

10/25/2010 - 2/24/2011

East Europe Foundation - Moldova is proud to announce a project designed to increase the informed youth participation in the 2010 early parliamentary elections. The grantee will conduct a nationwide youth voter mobilization campaign by training 60 youth leaders from all over the country on electoral rights and voter mobilization strategies, developing and widely disseminating voter mobilization materials among youth from higher education institutions, organizing and broadcasting debates involving the leaders of the youth wings of the parties involved, and designing promotional videos and broadcasting them via highly visited websites. The project is additionally supported by Sida, DANIDA, and the National Endowment for Democracy.

**Institutul Pentru Dezvoltare si Initiative Sociale "Viitorul"**

\$27,430.24

Moldova

10/20/2010 - 2/01/2011

East Europe Foundation - Moldova is proud to announce a project designed to contribute to a free and transparent electoral process during the parliamentary elections in Moldova. The grantee will promote a conscious and informed vote in the 2010 parliamentary elections, especially among the youth in ten selected regions, and will conduct an in-depth monitoring of the financing of political parties' electoral campaigns in order to increase awareness about political parties' financing sources. The project is additionally supported by Sida, DANIDA, and the National Endowment for Democracy.

**Institutul Tineretului Guvernator din Moldova**

\$6,019.64

Moldova

10/25/10 - 12/24/10

East Europe Foundation - Moldova is proud to announce a project designed to increase informed participation of youth in the 2010 early parliamentary elections. Involving the 101 members of the Youth Parliament, the grantee will conduct peer-to-peer meetings with first-time voters in 10 towns of the country, clarify their electoral rights, and explain the importance of informed participation in the electoral process. The grantee will conduct a nationwide photo contest on voter participation, targeting high-school and university students. The project is additionally supported by Sida and DANIDA.

**Organizatia Pentru Reforma si Dezvoltarea Sistemului Educational din Moldova**

\$4,995

Moldova

10/15/2010 - 5/14/2011

East Europe Foundation - Moldova is proud to announce a project aimed at educating orphans from boarding schools and those living in remote areas about human rights and their civic responsibilities. The grantee will organize a three-day Training of Trainers seminar in each selected locality for up to 60 teachers working in 12 boarding and community schools. The training will focus on civic and human rights, with a special emphasis on interactive teaching methods. In addition, children will participate in a one-day interactive training on peer-to-peer workshops in each locality. The participants also have the opportunity to identify their rights through the surveys, "Taking the Human Rights Temperature of Your School" and, "Is My Community Civically Educated?" The grantee will also produce two guidebooks for teachers, "Civic Education Lesson Plans" and, "Civic Education Games," aimed at facilitating the educational process. The project is additionally supported by Sida, DANIDA, the US Embassy, and the Embassy of Norway.

**"Pro Media" SRL**

\$22,355

Cimislia, Moldova

6/15/2011 - 1/14/2012

East Europe Foundation - Moldova is proud to announce a project aimed at raising the audience of Pro-Media local TV and radio stations in Cimislia by increasing the number of locally produced TV and radio shows. The grantee will produce interactive TV and radio shows by having representatives of local public administrations as guests. The project will increase transparency in local decision-making, empower local citizens, and contribute to the sustainability of the media outlet. The project is additionally supported by Sida and DANIDA.

**Transparency International – Moldova**

\$21,351

Moldova

2/01/2011 - 7/31/2011

East Europe Foundation - Moldova is proud to announce a project aimed at enhancing the transparency and efficiency of public fund management by Moldovan central public authorities. The grantee will conduct a survey to evaluate the quality of audits and inspections performed by the Court of Accounts (CoA) in 15 public institutions from the client's perspective. The grantee will develop a series of recommendations aimed at enhancing the activity of the CoA. The grantee will monitor the implementation of the CoA recommendations concerning public property management by the Ministry of Interior, which is undergoing a comprehensive reform process. Transparency International - Moldova will present the results of these activities to the National Participation Council, the general public, and media outlets. The project is additionally supported by Sida and DANIDA.

**Tajikistan****Public Organization "Dast Ba Dast"**

\$59,176

Dushanbe, Tajikistan

3/07/2011 - 12/07/2012

The grantee, modeled after Youth Professional Journalism in California, will prepare a core group of young journalists in Tajikistan dedicated to high reporting standards. The grantee will establish media schools in Tajikistan, train 36 participants in Western journalism standards, establish a new Russian and Tajik website, publish 180 news articles and other edited material on each website, and place six students in media internships. The grantee plans to improve and expand work with young journalists according to international standards. Newly trained young journalists will maintain high journalism standards, and make important contributions to their places of employment.

**Russia****The New Eurasia Foundation**

\$287,646

Russia

6/01/2011 - 4/30/2014

The grantee will organize direct and virtual meetings, coordinate working groups in each thematic area, develop joint agendas, and implement advocacy strategies to promote reform. The grantee will support US-Russia policy dialog, and produce recommendations and concrete collaborative projects in anti-corruption, local community development, environmental protection, education, migration, child protection, youth, gender equity, independent mass media, freedom of information, public health, and human rights.

**Arkhangelsk Centre of Social Technologies “Garant”/** \$2990  
**WSOS Community Action Commission, Inc.** 2/09/12-3/30/12

Russia/USA

To support the preparation of a proposal to improve the quality of life in small towns and rural communities by building a network through which to compare and apply experience and best practices. Through the proposed project, Network partners will deliver training to local entrepreneurs, share progress in strengthening community partnerships and collaboration in service delivery, and collectively promote civic engagement through training local leaders.

**The University of the Russian Academy of Education** \$3,000  
**Nizhniy Novgorod / Rhode Island College** 2/09/12-3/30/12

Russia/USA

To support the preparation of a proposal to leverage service learning experience, the proposal will bring together institutions of higher education together with their regional partners to conduct two international conferences on service learning in teacher preparation in Providence and Nizhniy Novgorod. The participants will also establish a permanent online community forum to exchange best practices and hands-on experience in civic engagement for future teachers.

**Youth Union Doroga/Global School Net.** \$3,000  
Russia/USA 2/09/12-3/30/12

To support the preparation of a proposal to create a “Cyberfair for Youth NGOs” as a replicable model for partner-making among youth-led groups, under the proposal, ten or more NGOs will establish partnerships, implement joint activities and develop policy recommendations to foster expanded collaborative programs for young people. The project aims to increase understanding between Russian and US youth to dispel stereotypes, to establish a cyber-forum to share best practices, and to create greater opportunities for youth involvement in decision-making and development processes.

**Buryat Regional Organization for Baikal (BRO-Baikal)/** \$3,000  
**Pacific Environment** 2/09/12-3/30/12  
Russia/USA

To support the preparation of a proposal to expand US-Russian cooperation in environmental conservation, the proposed project will feature a summit meeting of the Sosnovka Coalition, a group of 50 environmental and indigenous rights NGOs from Siberia and the Russian Far East, and US grassroots conservation NGOs to explore solutions and develop a plan of action regarding (1) unsustainable timber harvesting and (2) the adoption of national and international protections for Arctic ecosystems and communities. Subsequent working group meetings will produce plans for international civil society and indigenous community participation in campaigns for best industrial practices.

**Irkutsk Regional Non-Governmental Organization** \$3,000  
**Baikal Environmental Wave / Tahoe-Baikal Institute** 2/09/12-3/30/12  
Russia/USA

To support the preparation of a proposal to engage the small towns and rural areas around the regions of Lake Baikal and Lake Tahoe in leveraging local practices in economic and social development. The proposed project will engage youth, businesses, schools, and local government in identifying community resources and developing parallel plans for sustainable development and how to achieve them.



**National Foundation for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children/  
American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children** \$3,000  
2/09/12-3/30/12  
Russia/USA

To support the preparation of a proposal to develop a platform for sharing problem-solving methods, professional experiences and training programs in the area of child protection. The proposed program will result in the creation of a Russian association of child protection professionals paralleling the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children. It will also increase competence levels of child welfare professionals in both countries in the development and administration of large-scale training systems, and in the use of evidence-based curriculum.

**Moscow Helsinki Group/Union of Councils for Jews  
in the Former Soviet Union** \$3,000  
2/09/12-3/30/12  
Russia/USA

To support the preparation of a proposal to promote mutual learning in working with youth on the prevention of xenophobia, racism, and racist violence. The proposal calls for the use of new media to examine and make recommendations regarding government policy and legislation that involve the education of youth concerning these issues, and to provide monitoring of discrimination and racist violence.

**Kazan National Research Technological University/  
Purdue University** \$3,000  
2/09/12-3/30/12  
Russia/USA

To support the preparation of a proposal to develop a joint program focused on developing leadership, entrepreneurship and intercultural competence for Russian and US university students. This project will bring together faculty from both universities to create, and then teach, a common lesson program on the US and Russia, featuring a variety of modules that can be substituted to build a tailored program according to specific classroom needs.

**Friends of the Siberian Forests, Bureau for Regional Outreach Campaigns/  
Forest Trends** \$3,000  
2/09/12-3/30/12  
Russia/USA

To support the preparation of a proposal to establish a group of independent monitors at the Russia-China border to identify illegal logging and timber marketing practices. The project proposes to involve law enforcement agencies and media to combat the supply of illegal timber in global markets, helping US-based retailers to develop appropriate supply chain management policies that comply with US and Russian law.

**Transparency International – Russia Center for Business Ethics  
& Corporate Governance USA** \$3,000  
2/09/12-3/30/12  
Russia/USA

To support the preparation of a proposal to strengthen conditions for the protection of whistleblowers, the proposed project will undertake research and analysis and make related policy recommendations to strengthen the conditions for collective action to reduce corruption in specific industries, and will develop social network tools to provide support to whistleblowers.

**Center for Ecological Research and Education/  
The Lake Baikal Heritage Foundation** \$3,000  
Russia/USA 2/09/12-3/30/12

To support the preparation of a proposal to empower NGO partnership with indigenous populations affected by mining in the Baikal region and in Montana, the proposed project will strengthen local community governance and establish new community-to-government relationships, and create new policies that will protect sacred sites, traditional lands, and other cultural and natural resources. The project will also facilitate information sharing and exchanges between indigenous groups of both countries regarding legal and social mechanisms to influence decision-making processes and protect both the environmental rights and traditions of local and indigenous communities.

**Fund for Sustainable Development of Altai** \$3,000  
**Altai Assistance Project, Inc.** 2/09/12-3/30/12  
Russia/USA

To support the preparation of a proposal to promote community development and protect the local environment via cooperation and exchange between the Yellowstone and Altai regions, the project proposes to promote local entrepreneurship among youth and women particularly in the areas of ecotourism, local handicrafts, and alternative energy.

**Environmental Watch on North Caucasus/Crude Accountability** \$3,000  
Russia/USA 2/09/12-3/30/12

To support the preparation of a proposal to develop policy recommendations in the area of oil and gas development in North Carolina and in the Kuban Delta, the proposed project seeks to facilitate an exchange among wetland, energy, and policy experts and academics to offer collective guidance regarding ecological preservation and the assessment of environmental risk concerning hydraulic fracturing.

**Great Baikal Trail – Buryatia/Center for Safe Energy (CSE)** \$2,786  
Russia/USA 2/09/12-3/30/12

To support the preparation of a proposal to establish partnerships between NGOs, social service agencies, local government and businesses to promote community integration of at-risk and disabled youth in the Baikal, Seattle and Bay Area regions. The proposed project will support cooperative accessible trail-building that will teach leadership and team-building skills, while providing the disabled with greater access to trails and improving the infrastructure of the regions' ecotourism sectors.

**Doctors to Children/HealthRight International** \$3,000  
Russia/USA 2/09/12-3/30/12

To support the preparation of a proposal to create and disseminate an integrated multi-agency model to combat child abuse, the proposed project will build the model in the city of St. Petersburg using in-person trainings, workshops, internships, on-line conferences, and a large professional conference. The partners will subsequently present the model in Russia and the US for adaptation by other communities.

## Ukraine

### **Center for Social Prosperity 'Dobrochyn'**

\$15,087.45

Chernigov oblast, Ukraine

2/01/2011 - 1/31/2012

East Europe Foundation - Ukraine is proud to announce a grant to improve citizens' access to information on local representatives and introduce tools for monitoring and evaluating their representatives' work. The grantee will create an online portal and gather information on representatives of four local councils in Chernihiv oblast. Local representatives will be able to use the online tool to inform citizens about their work, and in turn citizens will be able to use the website to comment on their representatives' activities. The grantee will form a network of local NGOs to develop a plan for public evaluation and monitoring of local council work, organize roundtables to coordinate monitoring activities of network members, and hold capacity building training for local NGOs. The grantee will hold press conferences and conduct an information campaign to promote innovative technologies in monitoring the local councils' work. Finally, the grantee will produce an analytical report for the public. The project is part of the project called Your Local Representative, and is additionally supported by the United Nations Democracy Fund.

### **Center for Sustainable Development "Roza Vetrov"**

\$5,279.86

Donetsk oblast, Ukraine

2/01/2011 - 6/30/2011

East Europe Foundation - Ukraine is proud to announce a grant to increase the level of environmental responsibility among children and youth in the city of Donetsk, by introducing sustainable development training components into the educational process, and creating a network of Sustainable Development Schools. The grantee will train 60 teachers from 15 Donetsk schools selected for pilot environmental training, and provide them with methodological and consulting support. These schools will conduct multiple pro-environment activities, including eco-audits, eco-footprint calculations, and the creation of sustainable development plans for schools. To support these activities, the grantee will produce and disseminate two manuals for teachers, and a handbook for children. The grantee expects wide local media coverage, and a summary of the project and related results will be disseminated at a conference on the Sustainable Development Schools network. The project is part of the Green School - Green Country joint initiative, in coordination with the OSCE Project Coordinator.

### **Donetsk Oblast Organization of Committee of Voters of Ukraine**

\$15,025.12

Donetsk oblast, Ukraine

2/01/2011 - 12/31/2011

East Europe Foundation - Ukraine is proud to announce a grant to improve citizens' access to information on local representatives, and introduce tools to monitor and evaluate the work of these representatives. The grantee will establish a website and collect information on representatives from four local councils of the Donetsk oblast. Local representatives will be able to use the online tool to inform citizens about their work, and citizens will be able to use it to comment on the work of their representatives. The grantee will form a network of local NGOs to monitor local councils' work and organize three roundtables to promote monitoring activities among various stakeholders. The grantee will organize capacity-building training for local NGOs on how to use new media during their advocacy campaigns, and will produce informational materials. The grantee will also develop recommendations on ways to make the work of local elected representatives more transparent and present these recommendations to policymakers. The project is part of Your Local Representative, and is additionally supported by the United Nations Democracy Fund.

**Donetsk Youth Center for Debates**

\$5,033.68

Donetsk oblast, Ukraine

2/01/2011 - 6/30/2011

East Europe Foundation - Ukraine is proud to announce a grant to increase the level of environmental responsibility among children and youth in the Donetsk oblast by introducing educational energy efficiency training. The grantee will train 50 teachers from the Donetsk oblast on how to provide practical energy-efficiency training, and offer them further methodological and consultancy support. The grantee will develop and disseminate methodological materials for teachers and workbooks for children. 50 pilot schools will develop their own energy-saving initiatives including energy consumption monitoring, activities to improve energy efficiency, and other measures. The grantee will disseminate practical ways to save household energy, and project experiences will be disseminated at a final conference. The project is part of the Green School - Green Country joint initiative, in coordination with the OSCE Project Coordinator.

**Flora Children Ecological Public Organization**

\$6,216.08

Kirovograd oblast, Ukraine

2/01/2011 - 6/30/2011

East Europe Foundation - Ukraine is proud to announce a grant to increase the level of environmental responsibility among children and youth in the Kirovograd oblast by introducing environmental training components into the educational process. The grantee will train 100 teachers from different villages and towns, select at least five schools for integration of pilot environmental training, and provide them with methodological and consultancy support. To support the pilot project, multiple activities will be conducted, including game playing, interactive training, flash mobs, garbage clearing, and tree planting. The grantee expects that 1,000 children will participate in these events. The grantee will also conduct an oblast-wide contest on the theme of school environmental activities, and disseminate project experiences at a conference dedicated to pro-environment educational development strategies. The project is part of the Green School - Green Country joint initiative, in coordination with the OSCE Project Coordinator.

**NGO "Crimea Development Institute"**

\$13,789.21

Crimean Autonomous Republic, Ukraine

2/01/2011 - 11/30/2011

East Europe Foundation - Ukraine is proud to announce a grant that aims to improve citizens' access to information about their locally elected representatives, and introduce tools to monitor and evaluate the representatives' work. The grantee will create a website and collect information on representatives from four local councils of Crimea. The online tool will allow local representatives to inform citizens about their work, and enable citizens to comment on the work of their representatives. The grantee will also form a network of local NGOs to monitor local council work and organize roundtables to coordinate monitoring activities. The grantee will also use e-technologies to promote public monitoring activities, and will organize capacity-building training for local NGOs. The project is part of the program, Your Local Representative, and is additionally supported by the United Nations Democracy Fund.

**Social and Economic Strategies and Partnership Association**

\$14,960.56

Donetsk oblast, Ukraine

11/01/2010 - 10/31/2011

East Europe Foundation - Ukraine is proud to announce a grant to create a sustainable environment for social entrepreneurship development. The grantee will establish a support center to coordinate promotional, information, training, and advocacy activities focused on social entrepreneurship development in the Donetsk oblast. The grantee will train selected entrepreneurs in aspects of social entrepreneurship and provide them with consultation support. The grantee will create a website on social entrepreneurship and collect information about existing social enterprises to produce an

informational catalogue. The grantee will also organize roundtables, press events, award ceremonies, and an annual conference to promote social entrepreneurship in the region. The grantee will also cooperate with international social enterprise networks. The project will be implemented in partnership with the British Council in Ukraine, PricewaterhouseCoopers, and Erste Bank.

**Sokal Agency for Regional Development**

\$15,106.69

Lviv oblast, Ukraine

1/21/2011 - 1/20/2012

East Europe Foundation - Ukraine is proud to announce a grant to create a sustainable environment for social entrepreneurship development. The grantee will establish a support center to coordinate promotional, informational, training, and advocacy activities focused on social entrepreneurship development in the Lviv oblast. The grantee will train selected entrepreneurs in aspects of social entrepreneurship and provide them with consultancy support. The grantee will organize a network of NGOs to promote social entrepreneurship in the region, create a database of existing social enterprises and social infrastructure, organize a roundtable and conference, and issue a bulletin. The grantee will outline a strategy for social entrepreneurship development in the region, which will be submitted to the oblast council for approval. The project will be implemented in partnership with the British Council in Ukraine, PricewaterhouseCoopers, and Erste Bank.

**Zhytomyr Oblast Department of**

**All-Ukrainian Public Center "Volunteer"**

\$29,056.27

Ukraine

12/10/2010 - 9/10/2011

East Europe Foundation - Ukraine is proud to announce a project designed to help orphans integrate into society by introducing initiatives that promote access to employment for vulnerable youth, enhance public employment services, and foster public-private partnerships that will create job opportunities. The grantee will conduct a training program to strengthen the capacity of local NGOs, social workers, state employment center employees, social specialists, and teachers working in local vocational and boarding schools. The grantee will create an integrated team of 20 trainers in the Zhytomyr oblast to prepare orphans for independent life. The grantee will train at least 40 orphans through a series of eight seminars on life and employment skills. The grantee will publish and disseminate information for vulnerable youth, and prepare orphans for an independent life. The grantee will also build partnerships between NGOs working with vulnerable youth, local government agencies, and local employers. The project is additionally supported by the World Childhood Foundation.



**APPENDIX D: GRANTS USING NON-USG FUNDS**  
OCTOBER 1, 2011 – MARCH 31, 2012





## Appendix D

### Grants Made by Partner Foundations using Non-US Government Funds

October 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012

#### Central Asia

##### **Equal Before the Law**

\$2,712,498

Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan

7/15/2011 - 12/30/2013

The grantee will strengthen the links between international norms and national laws, and will analyze and improve the way national laws are experienced by vulnerable citizens. The grantee will assist governments and civil society on human rights reporting, improve law school curricula, research barriers to justice, ease residence and marriage registration, train regional NGOs on legal principles and support their assistance of target groups, improve provision of free legal assistance to target groups, and provide small grants to innovative ideas. The grantee will increase access to justice for vulnerable populations in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan, especially rural women, at-risk children, and persons with disabilities. The project is additionally support by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland under the social sustainability priority of Finland's Wider Europe Initiative.

##### **Abo Academy University**

\$110,707.00

Kazakhstan/Kyrgyzstan

1/01/12 - 12/31/12

EF's Equal before the Law: Access to Justice Program (EBL) sponsored by the Finnish Ministry for Foreign Affairs increases access to justice for vulnerable populations in Central Asia, in particular for rural women, at-risk children and persons with disabilities. In June 2012, as a part of the EBL program, Abo University will organize a 5-day tailor made course on access to justice for vulnerable people for approximately 15 law professors and graduate or post-graduate students from Central Asian law schools. Following that course, Abo University will assist the June seminar attendees in pursuing individual projects related to research and curriculum development.

##### **Pekka Hallberg**

\$61,900.00

Kazakhstan/Kyrgyzstan

4/01/12 - 12/30/12

EF's Equal before the Law: Access to Justice Program sponsored by the Finnish Ministry for Foreign Affairs increases access to justice for vulnerable populations in Central Asia, in particular for rural women, at-risk children and persons with disabilities. With support from this program, Pekka Halberg, former president of Finland's Supreme Administrative Court, will publish a book on access to justice in Central Asia. The book will be translated into Kazakh, Kyrgyz, Russian and Uzbek.

#### Georgia

##### **Akhaltsikhe Youth Bank**

\$4,294

Samtskhe-Javakheti, Georgia

6/08/2011 - 12/08/2011

The grantee will enable young people to participate as active citizens in the development of their communities, by providing leadership opportunities, building capacity among the young grant

makers, and creating opportunities for youth initiative groups to engage in community development activities. The project will enable Youth Bank members to take responsibility for making decisions over grants, and be accountable for how the money is spent. Through a needs assessment, the Akhaltsikhe Youth Bank identified major problems faced by the youth residing in the Akhaltsikhe region such as high levels of crime, environmental degradation, and low levels of general education. As a result, the Akhaltsikhe Youth Bank announced a micro grants competition for local youth to tackle these problems. The Youth Bank received 17 applications, and selected five projects for funding.

**Civic Development Institute**

\$18,678

Georgia

2/15/2011 - 9/14/2011

The grantee will conduct participatory civic monitoring of the Safe School Program, recently launched by the Georgian Ministry of Education and Science (MES), in order to raise public awareness and advocate for change. To do so, the grantee will utilize social networks and conduct presentations and roundtable discussions among the stakeholders. As a result of these activities, the grantee will develop recommendations and submit them to the MES and other relevant state agencies. The project will enhance the transparency of the Safe School Program, providing the public with information about its implementation, including the actual roles played by the resource officers with respect to the school administration, faculty, and students. It will also ensure that various community groups are engaged in civic monitoring to advocate for their interests.

**Georgia Arts and Culture Center (GACC)**

\$28,717

Tbilisi, Georgia

2/15/2011 - 10/14/2012

The grantee will implement an eight-month project aimed at improving the socio-economic situation in the Dusheti region, through supporting income generation activities among local cultural institutions and local crafts-based NGOs. The grantee will provide three workshop trainings for local NGOs and individual craftsmen in social entrepreneurship, as well as NGO development, management, fundraising, and business-plan writing. Special attention will be paid to establishing a craft business, and developing its marketing and promotion strategies. In addition, the grantee will provide technical assistance to the Georgian Center for International Collaboration and Steady Development (GCICSD), to be established as a sustainable social enterprise. As a result of this project, GCICSD will serve as a reliable partner for other local NGOs and individual craftsmen in marketing their products through GCICSD facilities. The grantee will also develop partnerships with local and international tour operators, in order to include specially mapped cultural tourist and crafts routes in their recreational products. The income generated from these activities will be used for employee salaries, and will be reinvested to expand the organization's activities.

**Public Union "The Young Scientists' Club of Ozurgeti"**

\$22,963

Ozurgeti and Lanchkhuti, Georgia

2/15/2011 - 3/15/2012

The grantee will partner with local CSOs and media outlets to conduct participatory civic monitoring activities, in order to ensure that non-entrepreneurial legal entities established by the Ozurgeti and Lanchkhuti self-governing units properly fulfill their obligations and provide quality services to the residents of these communities. The Ozurgeti Young Scientists' Club, Lanchkhuti Information Center, Guria TV, and the Gurii Moambe newspaper will partner with local community groups to initiate candid public discussions about these entities, and advocate for participatory civic monitoring of their activities. The grantee will create mobile civic monitoring groups made up of journalists and community members, who they will train in civic monitoring methods.

**Ninotsminda Community Radio "Nor"**

\$4,779

Samtskhe-Javakheti, Georgia

1/10/2011 - 7/09/2011

The grantee will organize three-day training seminars on tolerance, intercultural relations, and the basics of dialogue for young people. 45 youths will take part in the training to develop media outputs to reach the local population and open up a dialogue on concepts of tolerance and intercultural relations as they are applied to gender, ethnicity, race, creed, disabilities, and sexual orientation. During the project, participating youths will help create a total of two newspaper articles, three radio programs, and one television program. The youth will discuss ways that they can encourage members of their community to exercise tolerance in their everyday lives.

**Peaceful and Business Caucasus**

\$43,882

Imereti, Georgia

2/15/2011 - 4/15/2012

The grantee will implement confidence-building activities amongst Georgians, Abkhazians, and South Ossetians, in order to maintain and enhance peaceful economic coexistence between the ethnic groups. The grantee will conduct targeted trainings on business plan development and small business management to help participants produce joint micro-business projects, and to seek funding from microfinance organizations. Specifically, the grantee will work with seven Abkhaz, seven Ossetian, and 14 Georgian entrepreneurs to develop business plans for at least 12 joint ventures, which will then be submitted to various microfinance institutions and donor organizations for funding. The functionality and the demand-driven nature of this assistance will likely lead to increased community interest, and contribute to the peace building process currently under way in Georgia. The grantee will also establish a resource center on the Georgian controlled territory near the administrative boundary of Khurcha, as well as pilot community centers on the Abkhaz-controlled territories in Gali, Ochamchire, and Tkvarcheli.

**Moldova****AO "Adolescentul"**

\$8,500.00

Moldova

10/31/11 - 6/30/12

East Europe Foundation is proud to announce a project aiming to develop the entrepreneurial skills of 48 young people from Chiscareni village by creating a School for Young Business Leaders. The grantee will organize business training and a Management and Economic Simulation Exercise, leading to the creation of six experimental companies managed by the young people. At the end, a Festival of Chances will be organized; presenting the results of the project and new opportunities for young entrepreneurs. The project activities will provide employment for youth in the community. The project is funded by the US Department of State, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor (DRL) through Eurasia Foundation, Washington DC.

**OO"Caroma-Nord"**

\$6,845.00

Moldova

10/31/11 - 4/30/12

East Europe Foundation is proud to announce a project aiming to increase youth participation in Pirlita village, Falesti district. The project will create mechanisms for youth participation in the decision-making process at the local level, including the monitoring of local initiatives and the distribution of the local budget. The grantee will create a Volunteer Community Center to promote volunteerism, offering social assistance to vulnerable persons in the community (elderly people and vulnerable families). This will assist young people from Pirlita to identify and solve local problems. The project is funded by the US Department of State, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor (DRL) through Eurasia Foundation, Washington DC.

**OO C.I.S.T.E. "CERTITUDINE"**

\$13,673.00

Moldova

10/31/11 - 6/30/12

East Europe Foundation is proud to announce a project aimed at increasing the participation of youth initiative groups in the planning and implementation of solutions to local problems identified within public consultations. Young people from 3 communities (Marandeni, Elizavetovka and Biruinta) will be involved in the project. They will be trained in volunteering, participation, project development and implementation, fundraising and community mobilization. Further needs assessments will be carried out and, based on the results, local projects will be developed and implemented. This project will create mechanisms leading to the broad involvement of young people from selected communities in problem identification and solving. The project is funded by the US Department of State, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor (DRL) through Eurasia Foundation, Washington DC.

**AO "Inimi Marinimoase"**

\$8,243.00

Moldova

10/31/11 - 6/30/12

East Europe Foundation is proud to announce a project to increase youth participation at the only Romanian high school in Comrat - "Mihai Eminescu". A school radio station will be established and 16 students will be trained to develop and broadcast radio shows. This will give the high school students access to youth friendly information and a strong instrument for expressing their opinions. At the end of the project, the experience gained by the project team will be shared at a camp with students from other schools of the region and at a seminar with the district education administration. The project envisages creating replicable youth participation modules. The project is funded by the US Department of State, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor (DRL) through Eurasia Foundation, Washington DC.

**Asociatia de Tineret "Sansa"**

\$8,488.00

Moldova

10/31/11 - 3/30/12

East Europe Foundation is proud to announce a project targeting young people from Varnita village (security zone for the Transnistrian conflict). In close cooperation with the Local Public Administration, the project implementation team will renovate the village radio station and equip a group of 15 young people with the necessary skills to develop and broadcast radio shows. Another group of 15 young people will be trained to edit a monthly youth-friendly newsletter. The anticipated outcome will be an increase in the level of information accessible for young people from Varnita village and, thus, an increase in their ability to participate in addressing community problems. The project is funded by the US Department of State, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor (DRL) through Eurasia Foundation, Washington DC.

**Asociatia "Tinerii pentru Dreptul la Viata," Filiala Balti**

\$11,516.00

Moldova

10/31/11 - 6/30/12

East Europe Foundation is proud to announce a project promoting and increasing the visibility of seven Youth Centers in Balti town. In an open contest, young people will be motivated to renovate the playgrounds in residential neighborhoods. The contest will be coordinated by Youth Centers from those neighborhoods. It is hoped that youth will frequent the centers and visit them after the project is completed. The project will lead to the more active involvement of young people in volunteer and social activities, contributing to the resolution of problems at the local level. The project is funded by the US Department of State, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor (DRL) through Eurasia Foundation, Washington DC.

**AO "Triumf Jevreni"**

\$9,618.00

Moldova

10/31/11 - 4/30/12

East Europe Foundation is proud to announce a project to increase youth participation in 4 villages in the Criuleni region. The members of Local Youth Councils from target villages will benefit from a series of training seminars on community development, project writing and implementation, active citizenship, etc. Then they will be supported in implementing one small local initiative in each community that will address a problem affecting young people from their village. The entire process will be closely observed and coached by the implementation team that has significant experience in managing community initiatives. The successful implementation of the project will equip the local youth councils with the necessary knowledge and skills to effectively contribute to community development and become active citizens. The project is funded by the US Department of State, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor (DRL) through Eurasia Foundation, Washington DC.

**AO "Viitorul Copiilor Nostri" (VICON)**

\$10,333.00

Moldova

10/31/11 - 6/30/12

East Europe Foundation is proud to announce a project to increase youth participation in the Causeni district community. During the project implementation a group of 75 young leaders from 15 villages will be selected. They will benefit from a series of training seminars, efficiently addressing various community issues, elaborating on their own project proposals and helped to apply to different donor institutions for monies to carry out these projects. The final project event will be a Regional Forum where all the beneficiaries will share their community experience in addressing social issues. The project will create viable mechanisms for youth participation at the local level and contribute to their replication in other communities. The project is funded by the US Department of State, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor (DRL) through Eurasia Foundation, Washington DC.

**ONG "Viitorul"**

\$11,747.00

Moldova

10/31/11 - 2/29/12

East Europe Foundation is proud to announce a project aiming to promote a healthy lifestyle for 500 young people living in Badiceni village, Soroca district. A group of 30 volunteers will be trained to implement a campaign focused on messages related to a healthy lifestyle. As part of the campaign, some youth friendly and innovative techniques will be applied: social/public cafes, thematic discos, etc. In order to create social outlets for youth, the village stadium will be renovated and officially reopened with a public event for guests from all over the district. To ensure the visibility of the project and to build a positive image of young people in the local community, special attention will be paid to promotional activities and cooperation with regional newspapers, local radio stations and the school newspaper. The project will contribute to decreasing the rate of unsafe behavior among young people in the village. The project is funded by the US Department of State, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor (DRL) through Eurasia Foundation, Washington DC.

**Alianta Centrelor Comunitare de Acces  
la Informatie si Instruire din Republica Moldova**

\$33,222.99

Moldova

10/25/2010 - 2/24/2011

East Europe Foundation - Moldova is proud to announce a project designed to increase youth participation in the social and political life of the country through the use of participatory democracy models. Through a network of 33 trained coordinators and over 300 volunteers, the grantee will organize political debates for youth in 33 communities throughout the country with the participation

of all political parties. The grantee will develop and widely disseminate voter mobilization materials, stimulate the interest of youth in elections by conducting simulations of the elections and widely disseminating the results of this democratic exercise. The project is additionally supported by Sida, DANIDA, and the National Endowment for Democracy.

**AO Amnesty International – Moldova**

\$15,493

Moldova

6/15/2011 - 1/14/2012

The East Europe Foundation - Moldova is proud to announce a project aimed at building culture and promoting human rights knowledge within professional and student journalists. The grantee will organize three workshops for professional journalists on the Demand Dignity campaign, non-discrimination, and the Millennium Development Goals. A summer school will train 27 students of journalism from the School of Advanced Journalism in Chisinau on how to cover human rights issues. In the long run, the project will lead to a greater number of articles and materials on human rights, and will bring the most important field events to the public's attention. The project is additionally funded by Sida and DANIDA.

**AO "Centrul Analitic Independent EXPERT-GRUP"**

\$49,852

Moldova

7/01/11 - 1/31/12

East Europe Foundation-Moldova is proud to announce a project which will produce expert publications and promote dialogue about economic policies in Moldova. The project will support the activities of national and international policy-makers, business leaders, academics, and the greater public. The project will be implemented by Expert Grup, one of the most prominent economic policy think tanks in Moldova. The grantee will produce monthly, quarterly, and bi-annual publications which will track important economic trends, as well as publish ad hoc publications in response to significant events affecting the economy of Moldova. The findings will be discussed in working meetings, workshops, and a national conference. Public discussion and advocacy campaigns will mobilize stakeholders around central economic issues and support appropriate economic policies. This project is additionally supported by Sida and DANIDA.

**AO Femeile in Dezvoltarea Durabila a Moldovei – WiSDOM**

\$5,299

Moldova

7/08/2011 - 11/07/2011

East Europe Foundation - Moldova is proud to present a project designed to increase parental awareness about the importance of outdoor play in child development. The program will additionally improve the play and education conditions for early children ages 2-4 at the Tohatin kindergarten. As important education partners, parents will be involved in the most important steps of the project. It is expected that by improving the kindergarten outdoor play conditions and raising parents' awareness on the crucial role of early age outdoor play, the project will contribute to an increase of about 30% in the development indicators of children 2-4 years, including social, problem solving, and motor skill development. The project is additionally supported by Sida, DANIDA, and the World Church Service.

**AO "Maetonium"**

\$2,287

Moldova

10/08/2010 - 12/07/2010

East Europe Foundation - Moldova is proud to announce a project designed to increase informed voter participation in the 2010 early parliamentary elections. The grantee will carry out a series of electoral information activities directed towards educating the voters in the villages of the Tatarauca Veche commune, in order to increase awareness of the importance of the upcoming elections and the need for an active participatory citizenship. The initiative is supported by Sida and National

Endowment for Democracy.

**AO "Sens Muzical"**

\$34,998

Moldova

7/25/2011 - 9/25/2011

East Europe Foundation - Moldova is proud to present a project designed to help boost the revenues of people involved in the tourism sector of Moldova by creating opportunities for agro and eco-tourism. In partnership with other organizations, the grantee will organize the agro-touristic and ethno-folkloric festival "GUSTAR" in the Orheiul Vechi tourist reservation, and will ensure the participation of the agro-tourism, crafts, and art industries. The project will foster the development of a cross-cultural communication platform for rural tourism entrepreneurs, craftspeople, artists, and tourists, in order to establish partnership relations with potential investors. The project will help promote crafts as an entrepreneurship activity for institutionalized children. The initiative is additionally supported by Sida and DANIDA.

**Asociatia Pentru Democratie Participativa (ADEPT)**

\$20,999

Moldova

7/01/2011-1/31/2012

East Europe Foundation - Moldova is proud to announce a project designed to increase the transparency of the Moldovan Public Authorities through civil society oversight. The grantee will monitor the extent to which 24 Central Public Authorities (CPAs) comply with the provisions of the 2008 Law on Decisional Transparency, and provide recommendations for improving institutions of concern. The grantee developed a database that can be used by CPAs, government, academia, and the public to analyze government processes. The project will increase the monitored authorities' understanding of their weaknesses, inform them of more transparent decision-making practices, increase the public's awareness of the public authorities' compliance with their transparency commitments, convince authorities of the usefulness of transparency principles, and contribute to the improvement of decisional transparency legal frameworks. This project is a continuation of a similar ADEPT project, and is additionally supported by Sida and DANIDA.

**Asociatia Pentru Promovarea Clinicilor Juridice din Moldova (APCJM)**

\$25,788

Soroca and Badiceni, Moldova

7/15/2011 - 1/15/2012

East Europe Foundation - Moldova is proud to announce a project designed to provide two local communities and local public authorities in Soroca and Badiceni, with the tools to assess the level of local government transparency, and to encourage public participation in decision making to prevent corruption and abuses of power. The grantee will train a local team of governance monitoring experts, who will support the two Community Initiative Groups recruited locally from notable representatives of Soroca and Badiceni, to assess the most pressing issue clusters in the two communities. The project will bring together the local authorities, business community, and informal leaders in a joint local governance forum. Local media will report on the two local democratic governance exercises. The project is additionally supported by Sida and DANIDA.

**Asociatia Presei Independente (API)**

\$26,463

Moldova

4/20/2011 - 7/19/2011

East Europe Foundation - Moldova is proud to present a project designed to increase voter participation in the 2011 general local elections. The grantee will conduct civic education campaigns at the regional level through electoral debates in 14 local and national newspapers, as well as publish a special thematic page. The supplement will be inserted in all API member newspapers and will feature voter education articles, voting procedures, and other materials related to the local elections. The project will contribute to increased voter awareness in 14 regions of the general local elections,

voting procedures and candidates' political offers, leading to more informed voting. The initiative is additionally supported by the Sida and DANIDA.

**Asociatia "Prietenii Copiilor"**

\$27,000

Moldova

7/01/2011 - 1/31/2012

East Europe Foundation - Moldova is proud to announce a project, which will provide socio-educational entertainment activities for hospitalized children and orphans, in order to enhance social integration and personal development. The project will train a professional team how to manage and implement a series of animatory activities based on the Play-Bus methodology - a mobile playground reaching where static playgrounds do not exist. The Play Bus will visit seven boarding schools in different areas of Moldova, including the Transnistrian region. The grantee will create two static, fully-equipped Playrooms in two children's hospitals, to be continuously serviced by a team of animators.

**Asociatia Promo-LEX**

\$36,061

Moldova

5/16/2011 - 7/15/2011

East Europe Foundation - Moldova is proud to announce a project designed to increase public trust in the electoral processes and provide impartial and non-partisan information about electoral campaigns. The grantee will conduct nationwide and targeted monitoring of the 2011 general local elections in Moldova. The project will help identify electoral fraud and raise awareness about electoral rights in Moldova. The initiative is additionally supported by Sida and DANIDA

**Centrul de Resurse "Dialog Pro"**

\$9,945

Moldova

9/15/11 - 1/31/12

East Europe Foundation - Moldova is proud to announce a project, which will promote a greater public openness towards European integration of Moldova, by enhancing the access to and quality of information on the European integration-related processes and principles. The grantee will create an e-library with information on European integration. Additionally, the grantee will train librarians, employees of the European information centers, and media in delivering information about EU integration to the beneficiaries of the project. The project will provide European integration information in libraries and information hubs. The initiative is additionally supported by Sida and DANIDA.

**Centrul de Resurse "Tineri si Liberi"**

\$14,995

Moldova

6/01/2011 - 8/31/2011

East Europe Foundation - Moldova is proud to announce a project that will foster a framework for sustainable civil society development in Moldova, by promoting linkages among NGOs and increasing their activity in discussing, contributing, and monitoring public policies that influence civil society development. The grantee will organize the Civil Society Forum, where participants will share effective formats and practices of NGO participation in public policy formulation and evaluation. New internal regulations will be jointly developed and the new leadership of the National NGO Council will be elected. Additionally, the grantee will support the activity of the NGO Council Secretariat, and produce a media campaign aimed at creating partnerships between CSOs and media outlets. The project is additionally supported by Sida and DANIDA.



**Centrul Pentru Consultare Rurala (BUGEAK-CONSULT)****\$18,799**

Gagauz Eri, Moldova

7/01/2011 - 1/31/2012

East Europe Foundation - Moldova is proud to present a project designed to further secure access to information on EU affairs, policies, and practices for citizens from the autonomous territorial unit of Gagauz-Eri. The grantee will continue providing information and training activities at the European Interactive Center, which was established in 2006 in the town of Comrat. Targeting students, youth, women, teachers, local government officials, business groups, and other interested groups, the center will continue to act as a platform for information and discussion on issues related to European integration. As a result of the project, the public will become more informed and engaged in EU affairs, work and education possibilities in EU countries, and EU regulations affecting Moldova. The project is additionally supported by Sida and DANIDA.

**Centrul Parteneriat Pentru Dezvoltare****\$8,425.50**

Moldova

10/25/2010 - 12/24/2010

East Europe Foundation - Moldova is proud to announce a project designed to mainstream gender equality in the electoral and political processes in Moldova. The grantee will encourage political parties, media, and NGOs to be more sensitive towards the principles of gender equality in the electoral and political process, by actively promoting a shared Public Commitment for Ensuring Gender Equality in the 2010 early parliamentary elections. The grantee will also strengthen the internal capacities of NGOs to mainstream gender equality in their voter electoral projects, monitor and assess the 2010 elections from a gender equality perspective, and raise public awareness about the importance of gender balance in the party lists. The project is financially supported by Sida, DANIDA, and the National Endowment for Democracy.

**Centrul Pentru Jurnalism Independent (CJI)****\$11,090**

Moldova

4/20/2011 - 7/19/2011

East Europe Foundation - Moldova is proud to announce a project designed to contribute to a more transparent and fair electoral process in Moldova. The grantee will comprehensively monitor five print media and five TV channels during the 2011 general local elections. The grantee will inform the public about media monitoring results through periodic reports and press conferences. The project will contribute to an increased awareness among stakeholders about possible reporting infringements and will aim to motivate mass media to take a more balanced and unbiased reporting approach. The initiative is additionally supported by Sida and DANIDA.

**"Cerere si Oferta" SRL****\$24,277**

Moldova

6/15/2011 - 1/14/2012

East Europe Foundation - Moldova is proud to announce a project designed to elaborate and implement an electronic version of the C&O newspaper ([www.esp.md](http://www.esp.md)), and to modify the print version of the newspaper. The electronic version will provide real-time news coverage, including video and pictures from local events. The print version will conversely provide in-depth analytical articles on various events. Both media products will, therefore, be complementary instead of competitors. The grantee will also support a promotional campaign in order to popularize these media products. The grantee aims to position the website as one of the most important online sources of regional news. The project is additionally supported by Sida and DANIDA

**Consiliul National al Tineretului din Moldova** \$37,633  
Moldova 10/25/2010 - 2/24/2011

East Europe Foundation - Moldova is proud to announce a project designed to increase informed participation of youth in the 2010 early parliamentary elections. The grantee will conduct a nationwide youth voter mobilization campaign by training 60 youth leaders from all over the country on electoral rights and voter mobilization strategies. The grantee will develop and widely disseminate voter mobilization materials among youth from higher education institutions and organize and broadcast debates involving the leaders of the youth wings of the parties on TV and the Internet. The grantee will also design motivational video advertisements, and broadcast them via the websites most visited by young people. The project is financially supported by Sida, DANIDA, and the National Endowment for Democracy.

**CONTACT Centrul National A.I.O.N. din Moldova** \$5,699  
Moldova 4/20/2011 - 7/19/2011

East Europe Foundation - Moldova is proud to announce a project designed to contribute to free and fair elections in Moldova during the 2011 general local elections. The grantee will support the Civic Coalition for Free and Fair Elections, which consists of more than 80 CSOs. The grantee will maintain the internal and external communication among coalition members, strengthen their capacity to promote free and fair elections, and advocate for a better electoral framework in Moldova. The project is additionally supported by Sida and DANIDA.

**CONTACT Centrul National A.I.O.N. din Moldova** \$40,137  
Moldova 4/20/2011 - 7/19/2011

East Europe Foundation - Moldova is proud to announce a project that will contribute to an increased awareness of political platforms in the 2011 general elections. The grantee, in partnership with local NGOs and TV channels, will organize and broadcast a series of debates in five Moldovan regions of candidates running for local and raion councils. The project will also inform the public about their rights and duties as citizens during and after the electoral period. The project will contribute to an increased public awareness about the importance of citizen participation in local administration. The initiative is additionally supported by Sida and DANIDA.

**Institutul Pentru Dezvoltare si Initiative Sociale "Viitorul"** \$27,430.24  
Moldova 10/20/2010 - 2/01/2011

East Europe Foundation - Moldova is proud to announce a project designed to contribute to a free and transparent electoral process during the parliamentary elections in Moldova. The grantee will promote a conscious and informed vote in the parliamentary elections of 2010, especially among the youth in 10 selected regions. The grantee will also conduct an in-depth monitoring of the financing of political party electoral campaigns in order to increase awareness regarding financing sources for political parties. The project is additionally supported by Sida, DANIDA, and the National Endowment for Democracy.

**"MAR-SOR TV" SRL** \$21,709  
Moldova 6/15/2011 - 1/14/2012

East Europe Foundation - Moldova is proud to announce a project aimed at increasing the sustainability of the Sor-TV television station, by developing its live Internet streaming capacities and creating a new television show. The show aims to build the Sor-TV audience, which will lead to increased advertising revenue. The grantee expects that the project will contribute to more TV

station revenues, and create a platform for economic development. The project is additionally supported by Sida and DANIDA.

**"PRO MEDIA" SRL**

\$22,355

Cimislia, Moldova

6/15/2011 - 1/14/2012

East Europe Foundation - Moldova is proud to announce a project aimed at building the audience of Pro-Media local TV and radio stations in Cimislia, by increasing the number of locally produced TV and radio shows. The grantee intends to produce interactive TV and radio shows by having representatives of local public administrations as guests. The project will increase transparency in local decision-making, empower local citizens, and contribute to the sustainability of the media outlet. The project is additionally supported by Sida and DANIDA.

**Publicatia Periodica "CUVANTUL" SRL**

\$6,192

Moldova

6/15/2011 - 1/14/2012

East Europe Foundation - Moldova is proud to announce a project aimed to support the regional newspaper Cuvantul, which is currently distributed in the districts of Orhei, Rezina, Soldanesti and Telenesti. The editorial team plans to introduce two new sections that will highlight the activities of citizens involved in community development in their respective regions. The grantee will publish articles and interviews separately, and the highlighted community members will be recognized during a special ceremony. The project aims to raise the level of participation in community development initiatives, and to increase the newspaper's readership. The project is additionally funded by Sida and DANIDA.

**Publicatia Periodica Revista Odorasul SRL**

\$22,960

Moldova

6/15/2011 - 1/20/2012

East Europe Foundation - Moldova is proud to announce a project aimed at supporting the magazine Odoras, by adding an additional 1,400 copies and distributing the publication in rural areas. The grantee will additionally help the magazine promote itself by organizing meetings with potential readers in rural areas, adding an insert for children, and producing video and audio advertisements for the magazine. The project will add profitability to the selected magazine, and will provide increased childcare knowledge to young families and parents. The project will additionally increase access to childcare information for parents residing in villages. The project is additionally supported by Sida and DANIDA.

**"Radioul Local" SRL**

\$6,670

Moldova

6/15/2011 - 12/14/2011

East Europe Foundation - Moldova is proud to announce a project aimed at developing Radio Chiscareni, by extending its network to the neighboring district capital of Singerei and the villages of Slobozia-Chiscareni and Nicolaevca. The project will help the station improve its broadcasting capabilities and the quality of the shows, by replacing aging wires and purchasing needed studio equipment. The project will benefit the radio station by increasing the number of subscribers, improving the quality of shows, and becoming attracting the local business community. The project is additionally supported by Sida and DANIDA.

**SC "Miraza" SRL**

\$10,462

Calarasi and Nisporeni, Moldova

6/15/2011 - 1/14/2012

The East Europe Foundation - Moldova is proud to announce a project aimed to expand the regional newspaper Expresul de Ungheni to the districts of Calarasi and Nisporeni. The project will

open editorial offices in Calarasi and Nisporeni, edit two regional newspaper editions, and promote the new media product named Expresul. The project will help the media outlet become financially sustainable and offer impartial information to its beneficiaries. The project is supported by Sida and DANIDA.

### **"TIMPURI NOI" SRL**

\$12,012

Cahul, Moldova

6/15/2011 - 1/14/2012

East Europe Foundation - Moldova is proud to announce a project aimed at developing the radio station Univers FM in Cahul. The grantee will produce a daily news bulletin of regional news, and a talk-show named "Feedback," which will address important regional issues. The grantee will also develop a website, which will broadcast the radio station online. The project will contribute to the sustainability of the selected media outlet by increasing the number of listeners. The project is additionally supported by Sida and DANIDA.

## **Russia**

### **Regional Public Foundation Supporting Migrants and Dislocated Tajiks**

\$20,000.00

Russia

2/01/12 - 12/31/12

In Russia, violations of the rights of economic migrants often stem from poorly defined relationships with their employers. In the absence of written employment contracts, migrants face a host of problems, including unpaid wages. To address this, EF's partner, Tajikistan Foundation, has created an additional telephone hotline service for foreign migrants in Russia. The hotline, funded by the Western Union Foundation, is staffed by lawyers, who provide individually tailored in-depth legal assistance to foreign workers. Furthermore, Tajikistan Foundation's lawyers provide commentary and analysis on current labor and migration issues and participate in stakeholder meetings with government agencies on a monthly basis.

## **Ukraine**

### **All - Ukrainian Charitable Organization**

#### **"Care for Elderly in Ukraine", Cherkasy Bran**

\$6,690.72

Cherkassy oblast, Ukraine

12/15/2010 - 6/15/2011

East Europe Foundation - Ukraine is proud to announce a project designed to improve the quality of life and access to social services for senior citizens in the Sosnivskiy district of Cherkasy. The grantee will establish a senior center in the district's social assistance center in order to organize activity clubs, host lectures and discussions, and offer aromatherapy services to the local senior community. The grantee will also organize an awareness-raising campaign to engage more senior citizens in the social and community life of the center. The effort is part of East Europe Foundation's Community Centers for People in Need project in Cherkasy, with additional support from Japan Tobacco International (JTI).

### **All-Ukrainian Public Organization "Committee of Voters of Ukraine"**

\$15,101.63

Odessa oblast, Ukraine

2/01/2011 - 12/31/2011

East Europe Foundation - Ukraine is proud to announce a grant that aims to improve citizens' access to information about local representatives, and introduce innovative tools to monitor and evaluate the representatives' work. The grantee will create a website and collect information on local representatives from seven local councils in the Odessa oblast. Local representatives will use the website to inform citizens about their work, and citizens will use the site to comment on

representatives' activities. The grantee will form a network of local NGOs to monitor the work of local councils and organize two public seminars, a press conference, and a roundtable, to coordinate monitoring activities of network members and inform the public about project activities. The grantee will organize capacity-building training for local NGOs on new media, and produce informational materials for the public. The grantee will also develop recommendations on ways to make the activities of elected representatives more transparent to their constituencies and present these ideas to policymakers. The grant has been issued as part of the program, Your Local Representative project, and is additionally supported by the United Nations Democracy Fund.

**Center for Political Analysis and Electoral Consulting, Lutsk City NGO** \$15,029.02  
Volyn oblast, Ukraine 2/01/2011 - 1/31/2012

East Europe Foundation - Ukraine is proud to announce a grant to improve citizens' access to information on their local representatives and introduce innovative tools to monitor and evaluate their work. The grantee will establish a website and collect information on the work of local representatives from four local councils in Volyn oblast. The online tool will allow local representatives to inform citizens about their work, and allow citizens to comment on the activities of their representatives. The grantee will also form a network of local NGOs to monitor local councils' work and organize public roundtables and a public forum to coordinate the monitoring activities of network members. The grantee will organize capacity-building training for local NGOs, and produce informational booklets and a monthly e-newsletter for the public. The grantee will also develop recommendations on how to make the work of locally elected representatives more transparent to their constituencies, and present these recommendations to policymakers. The grant has been issued as part of the East Europe Foundation project Your Local Representative, and is additionally supported by the United Nations Democracy Fund.

**Center for Social Prosperity 'Dobrochyn'** \$15,087.45  
Chernigov oblast, Ukraine 2/01/2011 - 1/31/2012

East Europe Foundation - Ukraine is proud to announce a grant to improve citizens' access to information on their local representatives and introduce innovative tools to monitor and evaluate their work. The grantee will establish a website and collect information on the work of local representatives from four local councils in the Chernigov oblast. The online tool will allow local representatives to inform citizens about their work, and allow citizens to comment on the activities of their representatives. The grantee will also form a network of local NGOs to monitor local councils' work and organize public roundtables and a public forum to coordinate the monitoring activities of network members. The grantee will organize capacity-building training for local NGOs, and produce informational booklets and a monthly e-newsletter for the public. The grantee will also develop recommendations on how to make the work of locally elected representatives more transparent to their constituencies, and present these recommendations to policymakers. The grant has been issued as part of the project Your Local Representative, and is additionally supported by the United Nations Democracy Fund.

**Chornobay Raion Organisation of Veterans of Ukraine** \$16,369.70  
Cherkassy oblast, Ukraine 2/01/2011 - 7/31/2011

East Europe Foundation - Ukraine is proud to announce a project designed to improve the quality of life and access to social services for senior citizens in the village of Prydniprovske. The grantee will establish a senior center at the local social assistance center in order to organize activity clubs, host discussions, and offer additional massage, hairdressing and clothing repair services for community seniors. The effort is part of the project Community Centers for People in Need, and is

additionally supported by Japan Tobacco International (JTI).

**Donetsk Oblast Organization of Committee of Voters of Ukraine**

\$15,025.12

Donetsk oblast, Ukraine

2/01/2011 - 12/31/2011

East Europe Foundation - Ukraine is proud to announce a grant to improve citizens' access to information on their local representatives and introduce innovative tools to monitor and evaluate their work. The grantee will establish a website and collect information on the work of local representatives from four local councils in the Donetsk oblast. The online tool will allow local representatives to inform citizens about their work, and allow citizens to comment on the activities of their representatives. The grantee will also form a network of local NGOs to monitor local councils' work and organize public roundtables and a public forum to coordinate the monitoring activities of network members. The grantee will organize capacity-building training for local NGOs, and produce informational booklets and a monthly e-newsletter for the public. The grantee will also develop recommendations on how to make the work of locally elected representatives more transparent to their constituencies, and present these recommendations to policymakers. The grant has been issued as part of the project Your Local Representative, and is additionally supported by the United Nations Democracy Fund.

**East-Ukrainian Center of Civil Initiatives**

\$15,110.50

Lugansk oblast, Ukraine

2/01/2011 – 10/31/2011

East Europe Foundation - Ukraine is proud to announce a grant to improve citizens' access to information on their local representatives and introduce innovative tools to monitor and evaluate their work. The grantee will establish a website and collect information on the work of local representatives from four local councils in the Lugansk oblast. The online tool will allow local representatives to inform citizens about their work, and allow citizens to comment on the activities of their representatives. The grantee will also form a network of local NGOs to monitor local councils' work and organize public roundtables and a public forum to coordinate the monitoring activities of network members. The grantee will organize capacity-building training for local NGOs, and produce informational booklets and a monthly e-newsletter for the public. The grantee will also develop recommendations on how to make the work of locally elected representatives more transparent to their constituencies, and present these recommendations to policymakers. The grant has been issued as part of the project Your Local Representative, and is additionally supported by the United Nations Democracy Fund.

**Foundation for Local Democracy**

\$15,110.50

Kharkov oblast, Ukraine

2/01/2011 - 1/31/2012

East Europe Foundation - Ukraine is proud to announce a grant to improve citizens' access to information on their local representatives and introduce innovative tools to monitor and evaluate their work. The grantee will establish a website and collect information on the work of local representatives from four local councils in the Kharkov oblast. The online tool will allow local representatives to inform citizens about their work, and allow citizens to comment on the activities of their representatives. The grantee will also form a network of local NGOs to monitor local councils' work and organize public roundtables and a public forum to coordinate the monitoring activities of network members. The grantee will organize capacity-building training for local NGOs, and produce informational booklets and a monthly e-newsletter for the public. The grantee will also develop recommendations on how to make the work of locally elected representatives more transparent to their constituencies, and present these recommendations to policymakers. The grant has been issued as part of the project Your Local Representative, and is additionally supported by

the United Nations Democracy Fund.

**Nivroku Art Youth Union**

\$14,846.73

Ternopol oblast, Ukraine

2/01/2011 - 1/31/2012

East Europe Foundation - Ukraine is proud to announce a grant that aims to improve citizens' access to information on local representatives, and introduce innovative tools to monitor and evaluate their representatives' work. The grantee will create an online portal and collect information on local representatives from five local councils in the Ternopol oblast. Local representatives will be able to use the online tool to inform citizens about their work, while citizens will be able to use the site to comment on their representatives' activities. The grantee will form a network of local NGOs to monitor the work of local councils and organize public events, such as a roundtable and public forum, to coordinate the monitoring activities of network members. The grantee will organize capacity-building training for local NGOs, use innovative Internet-based technologies, and organize three press conferences organized to inform the public about the project. The grantee will also produce and disseminate informational materials to the public. The grantee will develop recommendations on ways to make the work of elected representatives more transparent to their constituencies and present these recommendations to policymakers. The grant has been issued as part of the project Your Local Representative, and is additionally supported by the United Nations Democracy Fund.

**NGO "Crimea Development Institute"**

\$13,789.21

Crimean Autonomous Republic, Ukraine

2/01/2011 - 11/30/2011

East Europe Foundation - Ukraine is proud to announce a grant that improves citizens' access to information on their locally elected representatives, and introduces innovative tools to monitor and evaluate the representatives' work. The grantee will create a website and collect information on local representatives from four local Crimean councils. The online tool will allow local representatives to inform citizens about their work and enable citizens to comment on the work of their representatives. The grantee will also form a network of local NGOs to monitor the local councils' work, and organize roundtables to coordinate the monitoring activities of network members. The grantee will use innovative e-technologies to promote public monitoring activities, while capacity-building training will be organized for local NGOs. Finally, the grantee will develop recommendations on how to make the activities of elected representatives more transparent to their constituents. The grant has been issued as part of the project Your Local Representative, and is additionally supported by the United Nations Democracy Fund.

**Zhytomyr Oblast Department of All-Ukrainian Public Center "Volunteer"**

\$29,056.27

Berdychiv, Ukraine

12/10/2010 - 9/10/2011

East Europe Foundation - Ukraine is proud to announce a project to help orphans integrate into society by introducing initiatives that promote broad access to employment for vulnerable youth, enhance public employment services, and foster public-private partnerships that facilitate and create job opportunities. The grantee will conduct a training program to strengthen the capacity of local NGOs, social workers, state employment center employees, social specialists, and teachers working in local vocational technical schools and boarding schools in order to help improve the services they provide to orphans. The grantee will create an integrated team of 20 trainers in Zhytomyr oblast to prepare orphans for an independent life. In addition, at least 40 orphans will be trained through a series of eight seminars on life and employment skills. The grantee will publish and disseminate information to vulnerable youth, covering their rights and privileges, advice on seeking employment, public resources, and services contacts. The Professional Agricultural Lyceum will create a

consulting center, information booth, and Forum Theatre scripts to prepare orphans for an independent life. The grantee will also build partnerships with NGOs working with vulnerable youth, local government agencies, and local employers. The project is additionally supported by the World Childhood Foundation.

**Zolotonosha Municipal Charitable Foundation of Mercy and Health** \$10,046.34

Cherkassy oblast, Ukraine

12/15/2010 - 6/15/2011

East Europe Foundation - Ukraine is proud to announce a project designed to improve the quality of life and access to social services for senior citizens in Zolotonosha, a small city in the Cherkassy oblast. The grantee will establish a senior center at the local social assistance center in order to organize activity clubs, host discussions, and offer additional services for community seniors. The grantee will develop an awareness-raising campaign to more actively engage the elderly in the center's social and community life. The effort is part of East Europe Foundation's Community Centers for People in Need project in Cherkassy, with additional support from Japan Tobacco International (JTI).